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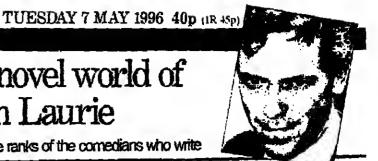
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Independent's revelation of Qana video tape provokes storm at UN over death of refugees

# Israel disputes deliberate killing claim

DAVID USBORNE

Israel yesterday mounted a high stakes campaign at the United Nations to deflect allegations that it intentionally targeted refugees in southern Lebanon last month, amidst indications

that a controversial report on the subject is to be stifled.

Over 100 refugees were killed when Israeli shells hit the Qana camp. A UN report says the attack was deliberate, and the UN officer commanding the Qana hase yesterday echoed this in an exclusive interview with

The military commander in charge of the Israeli offensive. General Dan Harel, presented senior UN officials with military information, including aerial photographs and detailed maps, to offer contrary evidence to a secret UN report that alleges the shelling of the camp on 18 April was precisely calculated.

Denying that the shelling of

the camp was deliberate, Gen Harel insisted: That thing cannot happen in a democratic country like Israel." The Israeli general was questioned about the presence in the area of an Israeli pilotless reconnaissance plane, which UN officials say indicates conclu-

sively that the Israeli forces



knew where their shells were falling. Gen Harel said that it had only been dispatched there "just after we heard from the

UN" that the base had been hit.

But a video tape, the existence of which was revealed by

tant that the Council prothe Independent yesterday, showed the aircraft flying in the area before and during the shelling. Lebanon, it emerged, asked for permission several days ago to show the video to

the UN General Assembly.

Arah nations were preparing yesterday to demand fresh action from the UN Security Council on the shelling, and the Secretary-General. Bhoutros Bhontros-Ghali, was expected to brief council members on the findings of the report.

"It is a very grave matter and I will certainly be speaking up on it," the Egyptian ambossador

nounces itself on this incident

in a proper way."
There was intense speculation in New York as to what Mr Bhoutres-Ghali would seek to do with the report when he meets the Security Council. He is believed to have come under ressure from the United States to play down the report's findings and to avoid rekindling diplomatic controversy over the Qana incident.

"I do not think it is in the interests of anybody to have this brought into the light of day," a senior diplomat explained. There were signs that eveo the

Arab states were uncertain about the benefits of making an issue of the report. Like the US. The Qana camp has been there 18 years," one diplomat said. Arah governments may be nerous about any new diplomatic furore that could destabilise

the officer in charge of the UN

camp at Qana yesterday. "The

Israeli 'margin of error' was too

hig to say this was an error.

There were two Israeli heli-

copters observing the shelling in

this headquarters - they were

observing as shells landed here, said Lieutenant Colonel

PHIL REEVES Moscow and COLIN BROWN

diplomats.

and defence-and-strategic importance to British intelligence"

in return for payments. The

Russian news agency Interfax

said the alleged spy will be

tried for high treason, which car-

tablished io southern Lebanon. The UN's own reputation also stands to be damaged by the report's contents, because of an indication that the Fijian neacekeepers were aware that Hizbollah guerrillas who had been firing rockets into northorn Israel had been using the

the ceasefire that has been es-

base itself as a place to hide. Israeli claims of its soldiers having old maps and that the wrong co-ordinates were used in the shelling provoked widespread disbelief at the UN yes-terday. "It is hardly credible. in charge of Fijian battalion headquarters at Quna. "We know the Israelis are

very good at artillery shooting. Much of the time when the While stopping short of an apology for the incident. Gen Israelis have shot in this area we Harel told journalists yesterday: Unfortunately, some of our would toaf around in the camp We knew how accurate their shooting was. That's why there was no air of expectancy in the shells went into the Qana head-quarters. But it is clear that this absolutely was not deliberate." This was sharply rebutted by

Russia catches

British 'spy'

camp before the attack." The colonel was in his con mand centre when the first Israeli artillery round to hit the UN base - there were 12 in all - landed. "It was chaos. Everyone was crying . . . Who cannot see this and think of their children?" he said.

How we cried, page 8

# Clwyd failed to spot 20 years. of abuse

**ROGER DOBSON** 

Britain's higgest child sex-abuse scandal involving children's homes developed unseen in a climate of mistakes, failings, and confusioo, according to the secret report into the scandal, extracts of which are published

pendent. The report's damning in-dictment is that all the clues that abuse was going on were there for 20 years, but no one spotted them. A number of agencies, including the Welsh Office, the



police, and professionals, all come in for criticism in the report, which has still not been published by Clwyd County

Council. As well as seeking a judicial inquiry, the report calls for a full and urgent inquiry into the police investigation of complaints of child physical and sexual abuse in Clwyd's residential homes, similar to that carried out by the Police Complaints Authority after the Frank Beck scandal in Leicestershire.

The report also criticises the Welsh Office over a number of issues, including the numbers of homes inspected and for refusing the request of the director of social services for an inspection of one home where there had been abuse.

The criticism of the Welsh Office social services inspectorate makes it increasingly uncom-fortable for William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales, who has to decide what action to take. The inquiry team is insisting on a full judicial inquiry which could go much further in its investigation of the scandal which has been linked to the lat-er deaths of 12 young men. some through suicide.

The report also shows the huge scale of the police inquiry which began in 1991. A letter from the Chief Constable to the independent panel says: "At the time of writing the nominal index coolained the details of 4,580 individuals referred to during the investigation. A total of 6.071 specific inquiries were undertaken, 3,755 separate witness statements, 4,611 documents files examined."

The report's authors also urge the selting up of a new nanonal database to track the networking of child sex offenders so that once an arrest is made, all contacts can be traced and checked.

# Plastic bullet silences squatter's protest in township



eeking to make the plans work

of benefit changes but the un-

derlying strategy of welfare re-form in targeting resources

where they are most needed."

said a Labour source. Putting

people into employment re-

mained at the heart of Labour's

welfare plans, rather than in-

creasing benefits.

The Tories were preparing to

exploit the issue, sending mail shots to parents of 16-year-

olds to warn they could lose

their £10 a week benefit under

Labour. Peter Lilley, the Social

Security Secretary, said: "Re-

forming welfare was supposed

to be Labour's big idea. It is

shaping up to be a big disaster."

in the John Smith memorial lec-

ture, Mr Brown said on BBC ra-

dio: "Let's be clear about this

you doo't set up a review un-

less you believe that something

is wrong that occus to be sort-

option, when you look at the cri-

sisthat is facing young people."

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Robustly defending his plan

This is oot about the details

with their detailed review.

A policeman firing a plastic bullet at a squatter after clashes in Alexandra township near Johannesburg In South Africa. Police moved in after squatters refused to leave the site, which is earmarked for low-cost housing and development. Two people were injured

Photograph: AP/ Nicky de Bloss

# Brown defiant over cutting child benefit

**COLIN BROWN** Chief Political Correspondent

The battle over the future of the Welfare State under Labour was intensified last night as Gordon Brown hit back at his party critics with a warning that "the status quo is not an option" for the review of child benefit.

The Shadow Chancellor issued a clear message that "hard choices" over child benefit for children aged 16-18 would have to be taken, and he appeared to clash with Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, who insisted that its future was still

At the heart of Mr Brown's remarks was an uncompromismg message to the party that he and Tony Blair are sticking by the threat to take away child benefit from high earners in order to pay for a guarantee of income to persuade the children of low and middle earners to

stay on at school or college. Mr Brown, in an article in today's Independent, says: "Making sure every young persoo has a stake in education and employment demands a national crusade for change in which tough choices will have to be made so that we use our it clear they have no disagree-resources efficiently and meot with Mr Brown, but are

Senior Labour sources made clear that Mr Blair was backing his Shadow Chancellor, in spite of rumblings from colleagues who were dismayed at the threat to child benefit for those over 16.

The details of the review have yet to be agreed, but the leadership stamped on reports that the left had secured a victory over their demands for unemployment benefit to be restored from six months to 12 months' entitlement.

Chris Smith, the party's social security spokesman, will to-day confirm the direction being takeo by Mr Brown. Mr Smith will say Labour must break down poverty and employment traps, in which people are better off on benefits than in work. "It means facing up to tough choices."

Mr Smith's remarks will be seen as a signal that he is prepared to bow to the Shadow Chancellor's insisteoce that commitments have to be paid for. Mr Smith and David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, have privately made

# Weather experts feel heat

They predicted a miserable Bank Holiday, but the only clouds yesterday were hanging over the weather forecasters. Resorts claimed the mainly dry and sunny weekend could have been even husier if pre-dictions of a cold spell had not

deterred visitors.
"It's so infuriating." said Margaret Horler, hotelier and president of the Hotels Association in Weston-super-Mare, Avon. "If television reports say it's going to be a bad weekend. it really does put people off. At

the beginning of last week they were predicting all doom and People did manage to take advantage of the unexpected sunshine and heavy traffic was reported around Brightoo. Torquay, the Peak District and the East Anglian coast.

A spokesman at the London Weather Centre said: "It has perhaps been hrighter than we expected. There's been less edout. The status quo is not an | cloud and the wind hasn't picked up as much as we thought. We're not overly unhappy with what we predicted."
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### IN BRIEF

Outcry over bugging New legislation being drawn up by the Government to give police a legal right to plant bugging devices could infringe civil liberties, it was claimed

Pledge on reading

Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, promised tough new measures to improve reading in schools. Details of her plans, will be announced loday to coincide with publication of a report highlighting reading problems in inner city schools. page 5

War crimes trial

Mladen Tadic tells his story well, his phrases polished in interview after interview, his sincerity total. He is a walking PR campaign for his brother Dusko, who goes on trial today at the Hague charged with crimes against humaoity specifically the torture and murder of Muslim meo held at Omarska a prison camp set up by the Bosnian Serbs in the summer of 1992 to hold the victims of ethnic cleansing.





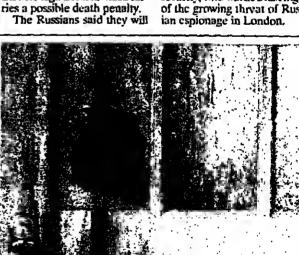
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expel "a number" of British diplomats. Britain immediately threatened Russia with tit-for-tat expulsions. The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind. briefed John Major on events.

The expulsions will plarm senior backbench MPs on the Commons select committee on security, who warned last night of the growing threat of Russian espionage in London.



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reaching proposal for a business levy which could provide much needed investment for London Underground and other public transport projects.
The idea for a levy on all but

the smallest businesses, were a majority of companies to vote in favour to pay for urban investment, is already spreading in the US after being success-fully pioneered in Houston, as, and has some backing in

The levy proposal - which is backed by the City of Loodon corporation and many of the capital's leading business figures would allow hig increases in transport investment without relying on central government grants or increases in council tax. Businesses throughout a giv-en area, for example Greater London, would vote on a levy to be raised as a supplement to the national non-domestic rate. If a majority voted for the levy the minority would have to pay, but there would be an exemption for the smallest busises, such as corner shops.

A mere 1p in the pound added to business rates in London would make up a £100m-a-year shortfall in London Underground's investment, according to two local government experts, Tony Travers and Stephen Glaister, of the London School of Economics.

Differences within Whitehall over the idea are reflected in a new Department of Transport document, A Transport Strategy For London. The document says; "The idea is an interesting one, which would have considerable attractions if it could be made to work on a genuinely voluntary basis. However ... the current proposal is a tax and the expenditure which it supported would be public expenditure."

But that reasoning is challenged by supporters of the levy including London First, the private-public body for the cap-

The Treasury has so far taken the orthodox line that since such a levy would have to be paid by the minority of businesses who vote against it, it contains an element of compulsion and therefore consti-

But that is dismissed by supporters of the levy who point out that housing associations and universities, for example, are allowed to borrow without affecting public spending totals and that the element of choice in the levy make it an essentially private sector project.

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Centre of attention: Naomi Campbell at a press call to mark the official start of building work on the Fashion Cafe in Coventry Street, near Leicester Square, London. The

# Referendum threat by Euro-rebels

**COLIN BROWN** Chief Political Correspondent

Tory Euro-sceptic rebels yes-terday threatened to force a Commons vote over a referendum on Britain's membership of the European Unioo, as ministers faced a hacklash over the failure to lift the EU ban on British beef,

Eight former whipless Tory MPs will meet tonight to discuss plans for a backbench bill on a referendum to pull Britain out of the EU. They are prepared to ignore appeals for unity after the Tory local election losses and say the referendum on Britain's membership of the Britaio's membership of the EU could prove decisive in the fight-back against Lahour before the general election.

Some of its backers believe it could lead to a stampede by Tory backbenchers willing to sign up to the demands for a referendum oo Britain's EU membership to stop the threat of a challenge to their seats by Sir James Goldsmith, the interna-

the Referendum Party.
The proposed bill, to he tabled by Teresa Gorman, the Tory Euro-sceptic MP for Billericay, was given added impetus yesterday by fresh calls from Tory MPs for retaliation against the EU for its refusal to lift the han on beef exports. Sir

Michael Spicer denounced the ban as a "straightforward protectionist attack" on Britain timent. "People are pressing for month, including former cabinet tough with Europe better tough with Europe ban as a "straightforward protectionist attack" on Britain and called oo John Major to hovcott the EU summit in Florence if it was not lifted by the end of June. He also supported Britain withholding its cootributions to the EU.

David Nicholson, secretary of the Conservative backbench agriculture committee, called for trade sanctions against Britain's EU partners and a ban on beef imports from the Con-

going to lift the ban," he said on BBC radio. The Euro-sceptics believe a

referendum vote in the Commons will give them a second chance to make a show of strength to the Prime Minister. and the Tory leadership. A Tory backbench bill to reassert the authority of Parliament over the European Court of Justice won

mer Chancellor.

The referendum on Britain's EU membership would split the Euro-sceptics. Mr Redwood supports the Government commitment for a referendum on the European single currency, but has drawn the line at withdrawal from Europe. A similar line has been adopted by leading Euro-sceptics in the the support of 66 Tory MPs last Cabinet, such as Michael

Howard and Michael Portillo.

demands for Britain to review its membership of the EU were led by Mr Lamont. Others believed to be sympathetic out-side the "whipless" eight include Jonathan Aitken, the former Treasury minister. Mrs Gorman said that a third of the Cabinet would be sympathetic, as would a majority of the 92 Group of Thatcherite Tory MPs, chaired.

be seeking a deal with Sir James for his party not to field candidates against any Tory MPs who support her hill. The pressure for a referen-

dum on Britain's membership of the EU has intensified after the European ban on British beef exports. The rebels believe it represents the Tories' only chance of overhauling Labour after the disastrous local election losses.

Mrs Gorman said: "We are in despair. The Government is not making any headway over beef. If you asked people why they stayed at home last Thursday, the reason they would give is that they have no respect for the Government any more ... they see us being pushed around on beef, by the Euro-

pean Court." But Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, accused the Euro-sceptics of misrepresenting the facts about the BSE crisis in order to reopen the question of Britain's EU membership. "The consequences could be that Britain's entire future in Europe could be threatened on the basis of a lie," he said on BBC radio.

This has been brought about by catastrophically weak leadership at the top. The Government has totally mishandled this whole BSE thing from start to

condemns Rushd The new leader of the Music Parliament of Great Britain renewed its support yesterday for the fatwa on author Salman Rushdie. Confirming the death sentence, Dr Muhammad Ghayasuddin said there would be "no joy" for Rushdie, whose book The Sataric Verses is con-

sidered blasphemy by Muslims. Dr Ghayasuddin's stance echoes the hard line taken by his predecessor Dr Kalim Siddiqui. Two weeks before his death last month Dr Siddiqui, 65, insisted that the fatwa imposed by the Ayatollah Khomeini in 1989 should remain in force.

Dr Ghayasuddin, 57, said: The entire Muslim Parliament is together on this matter. There will be no joy for him. As far as the honour of the prophet of Islam is concerned, this is fun-damental to our belief in God."

### The earth moves

An earthquake measuring 2.8 on the Richter scale shook thousands of homes at Burslem, north of Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent in the Potteries. It was also felt in parts of Crewe, Cheshire. The 450am tremor woke thousands of people and set off security alarms. A small tremor, measuring 1.6 and hardly enough to be noticed, was recorded in the area just after 10am on Sunday, and in February last year a tremor registering 2.5 hit Stoke.

### Poison charge

A mother-of-two accused of injecting her diabetic landlord with an overdose of insulin was remanded in custody by Oxford magistrates. Susan Shickle, 35, is charged with administering a noxious substance to endanger the life of Norman Harvey in Banbury, Oxfordshire, last Thursday, Mr Harvey, 69, was found dead the next day. The results of a post mortem ex-amination on the body have not yet been released.

### Plea to runaways

Police appealed for two girls missing from a top boarding school to get in touch with their parents or relatives and let them know they are safe. Kirsty Ann Boyd and Alleen McGhie, both aged 15, sneaked out of their dormitory at the £5,000a-year Lomond School io Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, after midnight last Tuesday. "Nothing indicates that they had any problems at home or at school," said Inspector Brian Lennox of Strathchyde Police.

### Blaze mother dies

A mother who gave birth after being badly injured in a house hlaze has died in hospital. Deb-hie Garbutt, 32, was eight mooths pregnant when she suf-fered 70% burns in the fire which killed her four-year-old daughter Jade last Mooday. Doctors at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, decided to deliver her child by Caesarian section last Thursday. The 3lbs 3oz baby girl is stable in Leeds General Infirmary's oco-natal intensive care unit.

### Falcons wiped out

Pigeon fanciers have wiped out a city's population of peregrine falcons, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds believes. The last survivor was found dead in its nest at the top of a 160ft high BT office in Swansea. The RSPB suspect poisoning in revenge for racing pigeons eaten as prey. Four other pairs of peregines oesting in wansea have been killed.

### Milk float tragedy

A five-year-old girl died in freak accident when she was run over by a milk float while sitting next to one of its front wheels Laura Hawkins had been play ing outside her home in Had ston, Northumberland, wher she sat on the ground beside the vehicle. Milkman Carl Belislle was serving customers at the back of the float and did not see her when he moved off. A Northumbria Police spokesmar said: "It was a terrible tragedy."

### Holy unexpected

Morning service at St Martin parish church in Birminghat was interrupted when an Sit iro cross weighing 200lbs topple from its mountings, bounce several times off the roof an plunged 200ft to the ground.

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# EU set to stand firm on beef ban

'God slot' drops

fourth cleric

Britain's efforts to persuade its European partners to lift the beef ban look certain to be thwarted again today when veterinary experts meet in Brussels to review the crisis.

Douglas Hogg, the agriculpean agriculture ministers in Luxembourg, that he had persuaded his partners to pave the way for an easing of the ban.

week, after a meeting of Euro-

He raised hopes that other EU countries might agree to at least lift the ban on the export of certain beef-related products,

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particularly gelatine, tallow, beef sperm and embryos. to eradicate BSE. The British proposals so far are deemed in-

However, the EU's committee of vetinary experts, which is in the European beef market charged with recommending While sales of British beef changes to the restrictions, is not expected to make any moves, the European Commission said yesterday. The commission, which chairs the committee, is easing of the ban, knowing that none of the other member states would accept it at this

Other European countries remain determined to keep the han in force until they are totally satisfied that Britain has taken all the measures possible

Another senior cleric has been

dropped as a presenter of Radio 4's "Thought For The

Day."
The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt
Rev Richard Harries, is the

fourth contributor to the Today

programme slot in two weeks to

The bishop, who joined the "Thought For The Day" team 24 years ago and is the programme's longest-serving pre-

senter, said yesterday he was

He gave his last broadcast in

February and had been booked

to take over the slot again in

August and December.

Yes, I too have received a

Dear John' letter," he said.

"The letter states that I am

being rested, but for how long, or whether it is a permanent

arrangement, I have yet to find

"What is clear is that it is

"puzzled" by the decision.

"rested" by the BBC.

sufficient to restore confidence

have begun to rise again in Britain, continental Europeans are still turning away from beef products, wherever they are produced. In Germany, for exconsumption of beef has fallen by about 70 per cent.

Mr Hogg has so far pro-posed the slaughter of all catile over 30 months and the slaughter of a further 42,000 cattle helieved to be most at risk. However, other Europeans remain concerned about whether the British control and moni-

toring systems are up to scratch. EU officials say Britain has. caused new worry by announcing that it is to accelerate re-search into the possibility that BSE can be inherited by calves." That, and the oews that BSE has been found in animals that may have been fed infected booc meal since it was banned, not add up to a very positive picture," said an official. "If infected feed has been used because the ban was not effective then some countries will cer-

tainly take that very seriously." It will be another two weeks before the ban can be discussed again, at an EU agriculture

# £10,000 elderly

The elderly could be offered a

Mr Dorrell is hoping to per-suade more people to cover the cost of their long-term care

ernment of "mugging the el-derly" with the plans. Sources close to Tony Blair said last night the Labour leader strongly op-posed the scheme and Harriet Harman, the party's health spokeswoman, is planning to at-

clearly meant to make a break. I am, however, puzzled as to the reasons for it." The bishop's departure fol-lows those of Canoo Philip Crowe, the former principal of Salisbury Theological College,



the Ven George Austin, the Archdeacon of York and Dr Leslie Griffiths, the former president of the Methodist

Mr Coomes said in his letter: "I use the term 'rested' genuinely; all strands need refreshing from time to time, and there is no reason wby old

All of them received a letter from David Coomes, the producer of the "Thought Por The Day" slot, saying they were being "rested" in order to make way for oew names.

# care bonus England".

bonus of up to £10,000 under plans to be unveiled today by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, for persuading mil-lions of people to provide for their own long-term care when they are elderly. The aim of the White Paper

is to defuse growing resent among Tory supporters in "Mid-dle England" - the battleground for the next election - over elderly people being forced to sell their houses to pay for long-

through insurance, annuities or flexible pensions, which could be geared more towards paying the fees of homes for the

Labour will accuse the Gov-

tack it as "mugging Middle

"Far from protecting the assets of those in retirement, it is encouraging elderly people to hand over their nest egg to an insurance company because they need to go into a nursing home," said a Labour source.

The schemes will be voluntary, but legislation will be introduced in November to mulement after the election. Ministers are also worried

about the spiralling cost of long-term care, and the increasing likelihood that more people will be requiring expensive long-term care into the next century. Officials have es-timated that the numbers over 80 who own their own homes will rise rapidly from 50 per cent to 70 per cent of the population

aged over 80 by the year 2013.

That will widen the crisis facing many middle-class families, when parents go into homes for the elderly. It will also seek to answer protests over the fact that people who have not saved, cannot be penalised, but those who have been thrifty are asked to contribute large sums

# Far right groups target the Internet

ANDREW BROWN

Increasingly sophisticated far right groups based in America are using the Internet to propagate their views, according to a study by the Institute of Jewish Policy Research.

"The far right of the 1990s is not a group in black shirts," said Michael Whine, of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, "Now it is a national anarchic move-

which has as its aim the destruction of modern society by the destruction of its vulnera-

The global and decentralised nature of the Internet makes it ideal for the cheap disseminatioo of unpopular opinions. Neo-nazis and holocaust revisionists have been active on the medium for almost as long as it has existed. What is new is the

of the act, to link people into a white supremacist underground. The web allows moving pictures and sound tracks to he accessed by anyone with a modem. This means that it can

and possibly a legal obligation that what schools allow into their libraries via the Internet should be judged by the same

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David Capitanchik, of Aberdeen University, who con-

racism. "My concern is not for consenting adults in private," he said. "I am concerned about what happens when the Internet goes into schools and other institutions. There is a moral

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# Bugging law 'threat to civil rights'

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New legislation being drawn up by the Government to give police a legal right to plant bugging devices could infringe civil lib-erties, it was claimed yesterday.

Liberty, the campaign group, warned that establishing the use of hugging in law could encourage the practice of covert surveillance. The concern comes as it emerged that the Government is preparing a Bill which will allow police to enter suspects' homes and plant surveillance devices.

Senior police officers stepped up demand for new legislation after the Security Services Bill, which becomes law later this year, was passed by Parliament. It will allow MIS, acting under the power of a warrant from the Home Secretary, to legally break into homes, search them, copy documents, plant listening devices and cameras and leave

they are under surveillance. -The Association of Chief Po-lice Officers felt that the police required similar legislation to formalise their position on bug-

without the owners being aware

Yesterday it emerged that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, plans to introduce a Bill in November which would give police similar surveillance rights to MI5.

John Wadham, director of Liberty, warned that legalising bugging could encourage police to resort to covert tactics more often. "We are concerned that it will be increased and there will be inadequate controls on the use of such bugs," he said yes-

ging and had asked the Home
Office to look into the matter, a spokesman said last night.

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Police have been able to carbefore they can plant such devices in the same way they have to apply for a search war-

> A spokesman for Acpo said it was criminals who infringed people's liberty not police. "Curtailing people's rights and freedoms is what criminals do." he said. The legislation is not drafted yet, but when it is I think many people's fears will prove to be unfounded." The system would increase the account-

rant to enter premises."

believed to include the requirement for a warrant signed by the Home Secretary or for the approval of two judges.

Under the 1985 Intercep-tion of Communications Act, authorisation is currently required from the Home Secretary in order to tap a telephone. Evidence gathered in this way is not, however, admissible as evidence in court. It remains undear whether evidence gathered

ry out covert break-ins in the past because entering a house without intent to steal or cause damage is not a crime, although they have been open to civil ac

tions for trespass. Evidence gathered in this way was crucial to the private prosecution brought by the parents of Stephen Lawrence, the hlack teenager who was stabbed to death. The case later col-

# Girl, 5, with a bullet behind her eye

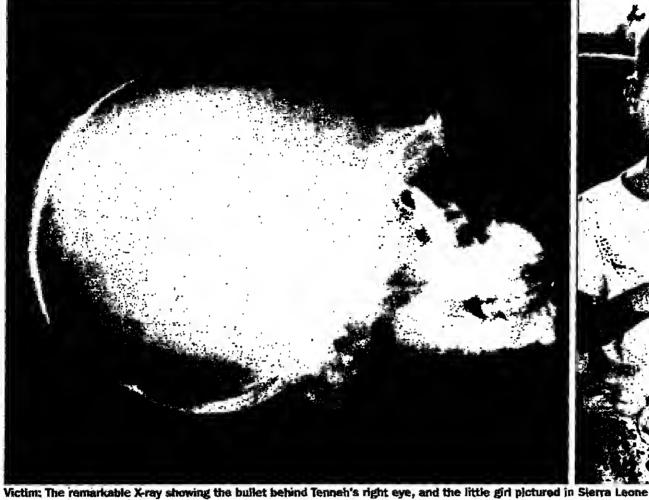
ROS WYNNE-JONES

A five-year-old West African girl who has had a bullet lodged in her skull for over a year is to fly to Britain this week for treatment. Tenneh Cole was shot by rebels in her native Sierra Leone and the bullet has remained behind her right eye, causing a speech impediment. deafness and loss of vision.

Tenneh will be seen on Thursday by consultant sur-geons at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. "We are treating this girl as a humanitarian gesture. The X-ray pictures showing the bullet in her head are absolutely startling. They clearly show what a very lucky escape she had," said Richard Drew, administration director of the local health care trust.

The campaign to get Tenneh treated in this country was taken up by British charity workers after they heard her remarkable story.

She was found cowering in a derelict farmhouse last year after her parents died in Sierra Leone's civil war. Malomoh Cole and his pregnant wife, who were fleeing from a rebel attack on their home town of Mariama, shared their food and gave Tenneh her name - which rebels after Tenneh's condition rays showing that the bullet, be-



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was close to her brain. The hos-pital felt it had insufficient extreatment. But after being tor-tured, he fled again with her. pertise to operate on the child. Luckily, Colonel Mark Cook and his wife Caroline, who are trying to establish an orphanage

The couple then carried Ten-neh 250 miles to Freetown, the capital, dodging rebel patrols and begging for food. It was there that Tenneh finally for Sierra Leone's young war victims, were made aware of hours." He surrendered to the received medical attention, X-Tenneh's condition. Col. Cook the Belgian airline, will fly her

lieved to come from an AK47, set up the international charity Hope and Homes for Chil-dren after serving in Bosnia, His wife said last night: "Tenneh is a symbol of the suffering of so many children.'

Surgeons at the Norwich hospital volunteered to treat Tenneh without charge and Sabena,

over with a male nurse. The hospiral recently successfully treated two young casualties of the war in Bosnia. Geoffrey Chency, a plastic surgeon, said: "We will do all we can. The injury she suffered is incompatible with life. If the bullet didn't kill her outright, you would have expected infection to have done so."

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# Ally Pally debt sends council into 'financial meltdown'

PAUL FIELD

Haringey council in north London may face a debt of nearly £50m from running and redeveloping Alexandra Palace, leaving it with the biggest deficit of any local authority in the country and facing "financial

The council may have to make massive spending cuts to cope with the debt.

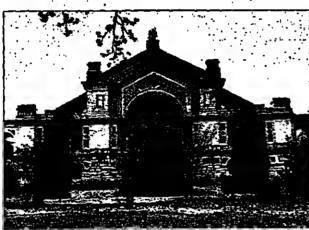
The problems began in 1980 when the council became trustee of the site and, through a charitable trust, took over the running of the palace and the 200-acre park from the Greater London Council. The palace -birthplace of BBC Television was devastated by fire in the same year and the rebuilding and running costs paid by the council since have spiralled to £54m.

The Treasury Solicitor, responsible for apportioning the deficit, has told the council the only money that can be guarunteed to be recovered is £4.7m plus interest. Haringey can only recover more money from the trust if it proves it has managed its affairs prudently.

But in a critical eight-page let-ter to Haringer's chief executive, Gurbux Singh, the Treasury Solicitor accuses Haringey of:

failing to provide evidence to prove expenditure was properly incurred;

taking a risk by proceeding with the restoration of the palace after the 1980 fire: depriving the board, re-



Soaring costs: Birthplace of BBC TV costs Haringey dear

sponsible for the running of the palace, of its decision-making

means "God will provide".

Days later, the three were

caught in the crossfire of

another rebel attack. "I saw Ten-neh on the ground shouting, with blood oozing from her head," recalled Mr Cole. "She

was unconscious for three

One councillor said last night: "This spells financial meltdown for the council. It has been going on for so long we should accept the debt in order to work out how best to deal

Haringey was due to choose a developer for the 123-year-old "Ally Pally" next Friday, in an attempt to clear some of the debt and make the site at Muswell Hill commercially viable. The three shortlisted proposals include an underground shopping mall, a multiplex cinema and a 'futuristic lake".

When the trust begins to make money Haringey would be entitled to reclaim some of its ex-

To add to the council's problem, any development needs parliamentary approval and Sir Nicholas Lyall, the Attorney General, has made it clear that the debt liability must be settled

Losses on the exhibition and banqueting business over the years have added to over-spend-ing on the restoration following the 1980 fire The trust has run massively over budget on coun-

Haringey has maintained that the revenue debt of about £24m from the running costs of the palace and park was the responsibility of the trust. Howver, the Treasury Solicitor says Haringey is entitled to an mdemnity in respect of the revemie deficit only from 1991,

amounting to £4.7m, although

the council will also be able to recover the borrowing costs of any expenditure properly

Haringey comes under heav-iest criticism on the capital debt from rebuilding the palace. In 1991, a report by Project Management International discovered that development costs exceeded the rebuilding budget approved by the council and accused Haringey of unauthorised expenditure on the refurbishment.

According to the letter, Haringey has suggested the trust should bear half of the capital deficit, which is dismissed by the Treasury Solicitor as "quite unacceptable".

The Treasury Solicitor's letter says the position of the Attorney General is that the "sheer size of the overspend, coupled with the criticisms in the PMI report, create a strong prima facie case that the expenditure was not reasonably and properly incurred. The council has so far done nothing to dispel that inference".

However, the letter does stress the importance of a new development at Ally Pally, emphasising the need for the charity to ensure that its running costs are fully and securely pro-vided for. Without this the charity will not be in a position to reimburse the Council for any of the debt.

Both Mr Singh and Toby Harris, leader of the council, were unavailable for comment. pursuit of tomorrow's front cepts is needed."

# Home Office drops support for stalking Bill

The Government yesterday turned down a plea to help in-

troduce new legislation which would make stalking a crime. The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, was asked to ensure that a Private Member's Bill from the Labour MP Janet Anderson goes through unopposed when it comes up for a Second Reading on Friday. The Labour Home affairs

spokesman Jack Straw said:
"There is a clear need to legislate on stalking.

"The Bill will provide an ideal vehicle to get provision on the Statute Book before the summer recess. Further delay will only mean further misery for thousands of people."

But the Home Office minister David MacLean said al-though the Government shared the concerns about stalkers, he had reservations about the Bill. "I fully understand and sympathise with what Janet An-

derson is trying to achieve," he said. "I am always prepared to consider any proposals to give further protection to innocent people whose lives are being made a misery by the evil actions of others. However, the Government

has some concerns about the Bill. Its scope could be too wide. It could criminalise legitimate activities.

door-stepping a politician in hot

page story could find themselves falling foul of the laws."

He said the Home Office was conducting a review to see what new measures might be introduced and that existing laws deal with the worst cases. He added: "Legislation must

be effective. A Home Office spokes-woman said: "We have a number of reservations at this stage. We are looking at it hut as we understand it, is too wide."

Ms Anderson's Bill has been drafted following talks with the Lord Chancellor, senior Home Office officials - at the invitation of Mr MacLean - the Police Federation, the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and police

A key factor is the proposal to introduce prohibition or-ders, which would allow magistrates to jail any stalkers breaching them.

A spokeswoman for the Suzy Lamplugh Trust said it was nonsense to make a comparison with journalists' activities. "Stalking is something which

goes on for months and months and is crystal clear," she said. "The Government has given help in drafting the Bill through Home Office Civil servanis. Why has it gone so horribly

"These reservations could "For example, journalists he an unnecessary delay to something which everyone ac-

# Leeds steals 'capital of car crime' title be worried about ice or snow on ing success. We helieve more JAMES CUSICK

How safe is your car? Birmingham Manchester Nottinghem Sheffield 4.0% Bristol Liverpool UK average 3.0% 3.0% Edinburgh Landon. Wolverhampton. Southampton Aberdeen

Leeds is the car crime capital of Britain. The unwelcome label for the Yorkshire city, where owners have a 5.5 per cent chance of finding an empty space where their car used to be,

has been awarded in a survey by the insurance company, Eagle London, which when mentioned in any telephone insur-

up your premium, sir , is apparently far from top of the theft league. Residents of Birmingham; Newcastle upon Tune, Manchester and Glasgow all have a higher chance of having their car driven off without consent, than do the residents

of the capital city. According to the Eagle Star survey, the first to rank cities by theft and car crime, is based to on claims from the company's ance quotation still receives an ance quotation still receives an about instant "Oh. that will put ers. The survey puts the national

average at 3 per cent. Recent government figures state that a car crime in now recorded every 21 seconds. However, in Leeds the na-

tional average would seem to be a dream figure for the one in 20 motorists who bad their cars stolen or broken into last year. In Birmingham it was 5.1 per cent and Newcastle was next riskiest at 5 per cent. The low-

est English figure was South-ampton with a 1.2 per cent level.

Motorists in Aberdeen might

the road, but they can worry far less about car theft. Fewer than one in a hundred Aberdonian motorists had their cars stolen in 1995. The Eagle Star figure for the granite city is 0.8 per

Ian Johnston, divisional director of Eagle Star said: "Social and economic differences between cities can account for some of the contrasts in crime rates. But efforts to crack down on thieves have also had vary-

must be done, especially in the worst affected cities, to curb the problem and we are right behind the Government's new campaign to improve crime prevention."

The Eagle Star survey comes as the Home Office attempt to improve car crime statistics by relaunching its Crack Car Crime campaign which although regarded as initially successful, is thought to have

Hire cars at lower prices.

# Four ways to tackle the skills shortage

What do you do with teenagers who have no qualifications? Thirty-three per cent of teenagers drop out of full-time education at 16. By age 18, 60 per cent have gone. Yet those who leave without qualifications are far more likely to be unemployed and low paid later on. So what are the new options to encourage them to stay oo? And where will the Government this one, or a Labour one - find the mooey?

1) Carry on with the current system and hope numbers staying on continue to grow

The number of 16-year-olds staying on in education bas riseo substantially in the last decade. One option is to hope that the current trend carries on.

The problem is that the pace of change is slow, and we risk creating a lost generation of un-skilled - and unemployable young people. Furthermore, the existing system may be neither the most efficient, nor the fairest use of the money.

The total cost of educating

16- to 18-year-olds at the moment is about £4hn including £2.5hn on education fees. £700m on child benefit, £700m on youth training and less than £100m on additional maintenance awards.

Teenagers have little shortterm financial incentive to stay on. Their mothers continue to Analysis

efit if they stay in education, compared with around £30 if they join a Youth Training programme (the successor to the

controversial YTS). At the same time, the bulk of taxpayers' money is supporting those who will not only earn most later on in life, but whose families are earning most today. Fees for schools and colleges are £3,500 per child compared with only £1,700 on average for teenagers who engage in work-

place training. Middle-class families absorb most of the subsidies. Three-quarters of the 17-year-old sons and daughters of professionals are in fulltime education, compared with ooe in three children of unskilled manual workers.

Encourage teenagers to stay on in education with financial incen-

a) Universal Benefits: A hand-out for every 16- to 18year-old who stays oo in education or training, whether it be full-time or part-time. It would give teenagers a cash incentive,

Problems: Could be a mas-

sive waste of mooey. The taxpayer could be needlessly subsidising hundreds of thousands of children who would

b) Means tested benefits: Instead of shelling out the cash for everyone, government could target the people for whom it really makes a difference, and give them a hefty sum rather than just £10 a week.

Cost: Depends bow many people you intend to help. Gor-don Brown, the shadow Chancellor, has suggested using some of the £700m currectly spent on 16- to 18-year-olds' child ben-

efit for this purpose.

Problems: Means-tested grants can stigmatise. No one knows whether withdrawing that £10 a week from low- and middle-income families might put their children off staying in education, especially when the alternative means filling in complicated forms. This is why the Child Poverty Action Group is concerned about Mr Brown's

3) Give 16- to 18-year-olds more and better education

Cost: Depends how high the figure is. Switching the benefit economist Richard I are larger to the conomist Richard I are l

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could be done at no extra cost. employers would be obliged to make sure that any employee under 18 received a certain amount of recognised training towards national qualifications - preferably on day-release to further education colleges.

Cost: Someone would have to pay for the day-release at college. Another use for Mr Brown's savings from child benefit? Alternatively cash could come from forcing students to pay towards the cost of their higher education.

h) Improve vocational train-

ing options. Part of the problem for teenagers who lack acadetle else worthwhile for them to do. Sir Ron Dearing and David Blunkett have both advocated making vocational education more attractive. But this too would cost money.

4) Persuade kids that school

The reason many children drop out at sixteeo is because they hate school. The damage has been done long before they reach 16. Targetting discouraged children much earlier could be a far more effective way to improve their qualifications and staying-on rate than any combination of cash and training schemes later on



# 'The only jobs are Tesco's – not what people want'

Gordon Brown's plans to cut child benefit for 16- to 18-year-olds who stay on in education won't make any difference to Debbie Brooke, Taking their GCSEs this summer at Cranford Community School, a comprehensive in west London, Debhie and her friend Shanel Lyons are the kind of teenagers that the Labour Party wants to persuade to stay on in education

and pick up new qualifications. "Money's a big problem. Mum and dad are a bit strapped for cash," said Dehbie. Her ce elder sisters all left school at 16 to get jobs, two of them now work at nearby Heathrow airport. Debbie's parents think she should get a joh too, and although she hasn't yet made up her mind, the chances are Deb-hie will stay in education: "I want to prove something to my

mum and dad." Debbie claims cash makes no difference to her plans to stay on. But it may stop ber pursu-

Labour's extra £10 won't sway school leavers, reports **Yvette Cooper** 

ing exactly the career she wants - as a veterinary ourse. A college in Berkshire which runs the pre-veterinary science course she wants to take is too far away, and her parents couldn't afford m keep her there. Either way that £10 a week in child benefit doesn't enter her plans.

Nor does it bother Shanel, to drag, sometimes you feel all you want to do is leave, go somewhere new and meet new people." But she is realistic about the job prospects if she has no qualifications at all. "The only jobs are working in Tesco's not how most teenagers want to

spend the rest of their lives."

friends will be staying on. Some have left already, and will not be going back to sit their exams. Shanel is convinced that money has made a difference to them: "Some people feel they can't go to college because it will be too expensive." Debble thinks the £10 child benefit wouldn't affect their decision. but that £30 a week - the kind of cash you could carn on a Youth Training programme -

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could have an impact. But they both agree that it would take a lot more than mainteoance graots to change whom leaving school appeals: many teenagers' minds. Fed "Going back to school is a up with school they are desperate to leave, and as Shanel said, "once they've made up their minds, nothing will per-

suade them to come back" If Shanel was offered a job tomorrow paying £100 a week, she would snap it up. But £60 a week wouldn't lure her out of education "unless it was something Not all Debhie and Shanel's I really wanted to do".

Detectives question man over fire deaths

Police were last night continuing to question a man in con-nection with a fire which killed four children. Officers have confirmed that the blaze had

been started deliberately. The bodies of six-year-old Patrick Good, his hrother Terry, 12, and their sisters Alison, 10, and Nicola, eight, were found by firefighters in the back bedroom of their home at Sullivan Road, Sholing, Southampton, early oo Sunday morning. Post-mortem exami nations showed that all four died from inhaling fumes.

The childreo's parents Bev-erley and Melvyn Good and their 14-year-old daughter, Kelly, managed to escape, but Kelly suffered serious burns.

Mrs Good was yesterday said to be "devastated" by the tragedy and told relatives that she wished the whole family could have died together. Meanwhile, police declined to give any details about the

man they have been question-ing since be was detained on

Sunday. Forensic experts also continued to search the burntout building for clues yesterday Detective Superintendent Peter Neyroud said: "The preliminary indications are that we are dealing with a fire that was caused deliberately."

Eractly how the fire was set and the arsonist's motive were still being examined, but police were investigating the possibility that someone might have had a grudge against the family.

Mr Neyroud said police were anxious to talk to anyone who was in the area of Sullivan Road between midnight and 2 am on Sunday and particularly wanted to hear from anyone who may have seen somebody riding or pushing a hike.

Cholesterol tests wasted on 'worried well'

**GLENDA COOPER** 

Cholesterol testing is not being offered to those most at risk of developing heart disease, according to the British Cardiac Society.

Instead it is the "worried well" - the health conscious and educated - who are putting doctors under pressure to give them tests.

A survey carried out in Scotland as part of the Glasgow Monitoring Cardiac Disease Project (Monica) found that three-quarters of patients tested were those considered to be at lowest risk.

The study of 2,000 men and women between 25 and 74 assessed commoo risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, and evidence of heart disease.

Coronary heart disease is the single most common cause of death in the UK and the industrialised world. A high level of cholesterol in the blood is a significant risk factor for coronary heart disease and people with a high level can be treated with dictary advice and if necessary cholesterol lowering drugs to help reduce their risk of developing CHD. In

1993, 70 per cent of UK adults had high cholesterol levels. Last year a study by the West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study Trial found that using a cholesterol lowering drug reduced heart attacks by nearly one-third and the risk of death

by 32 per cent. In the Monica study 20 per cent had been tested for cholesterol over the year. But only one in five of this 20 per cent had existing heart disease and only one in 20 had factors placing them at high risk of devel-

oping CHD.
"It's the people at high risk we want to target," said Dr Caroline Morrison, consultant in public health medicine who carried out the survey. "The survey clearly shows that many high risk people are not being offered cholesterol testing whereas many at comparatively low risk are being tested unnecessarily."

At their annual meeting in Glasgow this week the British Cardiac Society is also calling for GPs to play a more impor-tant role in administering "clothusting" drugs to heart attack

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patients. Trials of drugs such as strep-tokinase have shown that they can reduce the likelihood of death from a heart attack by 25 to 50 per cent. The earlier a treatment is started the greater a patient's chances of survival. The British Heart Foundation has recommended that heart attack patients should receive thrombolysis (treatment with clot dissolving drugs) within 90 minutes of seeking medical help - the "call-to-needle" time.

A survey of 326 patients carried out by Dr John Rawles at the Medicine Assessment Research Unit at the University of Aberdeen found that those treated with the drugs by their GPs were more likely to receive the treatment within 90 minutes than those who received it af-

ter being admitted to hospital. Dr Rawles said: "In most cases general practitioners attending patients suffering a heart attack are in a position to give potentially life-saving treatment within the target time [90 minutes]."

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# Islanders whip up storm over Iron Age cover-up

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The winds which gust across the remote Scotush island of Great Bernera with Hebridean vigour have whipped up a dispute about the future of a late Iron Age village which is being excavated by archaeologists.
The problem for the experts

digging at the 2,000-year-old site is that the wind is stripping away the sand surrounding the walls making them difficult to preserve once they have completed their excavations.

Historic Scotland, which is responsible for ancient sites, has upset people on Great Bernera, off the larger island of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, by sug-gesting that the village should e covered over when digging has finished. This and an alternative plan

to remove some stones from the site to an as yet undecided location has triggered the first rebellion on the island since crofters rioted over the threat

of eviction in 1874. It is being led by Count

Robin de la Lanne Mirrlees, 72, a French-born aristocrat, who has been the laird of the 7,000aere island since 1962.

He said: "I am thrilled by the find and want to see it preserved. I own the foreshore and therefore this site. Unless it can be proved an engineering impossibility I do not want my property tampered with. Nor should any of the artefacts be removed off this island."

The village, which covers a quarter of an acre by the seashore, was discovered by a team from the Edinburgh University centre for field archaeology after repeated finds of persistent reports of stone walls and pottery falling out of a

rapidly eroding shoreline.
The houses on the site, which is unlikely to be fully excavated, were built by lining large holes dug in the sand with stone and covering these with low thatched roofs.

The floors, walls and lintels have survived and so too have the remnants of rubbish tips an insight into how Iron Age is-landers lived. Although the sea has been responsible for some erosion, wind has stripped away

sand to expose the walls.

Dr Noel Fojut, principal inspector of ancient monuments for Historic Scotland, said: "The walls of these houses were meant to be supported by sand, not free-standing, and are quite dangerous once the sand has gone from around them. We do not have the technological means to make these walk stick together."

Talks are continuing aimed at finding a solution but Historic Scotland, which has provided more than £68,000 for the excavations, has annoyed people by suggesting the site should be covered. The Rev Donald Macaulay a former convener of Western Isles Council who lives on Great Bernera, said: "We would like to see the site preserved so that people can see what was going on 2,000 years ago. It is of great interest and it is of value to us from the which have given archaeologists—tourist point of view,

# Blitz on reading standards promised

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Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, yester-day promised tough new measures to improve reading in

Details of her plans, which are likely to include a tightening of teacher-training standards, will be announced today to coincide with publication of a report highlighting reading problems in inner-city schools.

The report from the Office for Standards in Education is expected to show that nearly eight out of 10 seven-year-olds in the London boroughs of Islington, Southwark and Tower Hamlets are below expected standards in reading. Mrs Shephard said at the weekend that if inspectors needed greater powers to conduct more such inspections, they would be given them.

The report says teachers were held back by lack of knowledge about how to teach children to read so time spent teaching reading was often wasted. Mrs Shephard wants the list of criteria which trainee teachers have to meet defined more precisely and greater emphasis put on basic skills.

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, who will present the report, has consistently argued that too many "progressive" teaching methods lower standards. The three local authorities have accused him of altering the report for

political reasons. A Department for Education and Employment spokeswoman said: "Mrs Shephard has read the report on London's schools. She plans to be with the chief inspector when he gives his press conference tomorrow and

will make her own statement immediately afterwards, when: She will be announcing tougher measures in response to the findings in the report."

Ministers have overspent the publicity budget for nursery vouchers by more than 50 per cent but have failed to persuade one-fifth of parents to apply for vouchers, according to official figures released yesterday.

Parents in four local authorities have been offered vouchers worth £1,100 to buy nursery education in state, private or voluntary nurseries. The scheme will be extended to all local authorities next April. Figures in parliamentary an-

swers to David Blunkett, the Labour spokesman for education, show that £1.1m has been spent so far on publicity, compared with the original budget of £750,000. Yet the figures also show that one in five parents has not applied for a voucher. In Kensington and Chelsea, 55 per cent have applied, in Westminster 60 per cent, Wandsworth 84 per cent and Norfolk 92 per cent.

"It would be hard to conceive a more convoluted and bureaucratic way of promoting an expansion of nursery provision, Mr Blunkett said

Ministers want the scheme to create more places in private and voluntary nurseries but the figures reveal that two-thirds of four-year-olds in the four local authorities already have places in state schools or nurseries.

A Department for Education and Employment spokeswoman said: "We have a duty to provide information to parents and providers. The intense level of interest they have shown bodes well for when the scheme goes national."

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DAILY POEM

**Postscript** 

By Seamus Heaney

And some time make the time to drive out west Into County Clare, along the Flaggy Shore, In September or October, when the wind And the light are working off each other So that the ocean on one side is wild With foam and glitter, and inland among stones The surface of a slate-grey lake is lit By the earthed lightning of a flock of swans. Their feathers roughed and ruffling, white on white, Their fully grown headstrong-looking heads Tucked or cresting or husy underwater. Useless to think you'll park and capture it More thoroughly. You are neither here nor there, A hurry through which known and stronge things pass As big soft huffetings come at the car sideways And catch the heart off guard and blow it open.

The Spirit Level, from which this poem is taken, is Seamus Heaney's first book of poems since he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995. It is, quite simply, the collection of the year. Heatney's darting lightness of touch, his talismanic way of seeing a conjuring of an almost physical ache of the beauty and the pain of what it is to be alive, is unsurpassed. He is that rarest of creatures: a poet with an abiding sense of how the past informs, but also comforts, the present, and permits us both to make sense of it and to restore balance. The Spirit Level is published by Faber at £7.99. Seamus Heaney reads tonight at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London's South Bank at 7.30pm. Ticket returns only.

# Radiation may trigger fatal wasting disease

**GLENDA COOPER** 

High levels of radiation could trigger Motor Neurone Disease, the fatal neurological illness suffered by Professor Stephen Hawking, according to new research by British scientists.

Researchers from the John Bevan MND Research Unit at Brunel University, Middlessex have published two reports claiming there is a connection hetween the disease and alpha radiation, which results in higher incidence of the disease and people dying at a younger age.

The researchers looked at radon gas concentrations in England and Wales between 1981-9 and deaths from MND. They also studied patterns of disease in Japan following nuclear testing in the Pacific in the 1950s and 1960s. While radiation does not actually cause the disease, it acts as a trigger factor to accelerate it in the small percentage of the population who are already susceptible, the authors concluded.

known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease, generally strikes in midbrain and spinal cord, and leads counted for by radon gas. Only

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controlled by these nerves. Almost total paralysis follows.

It was first clinically reported in 1870, but there has been little progress since in therapy. The disease does not affect the hrain itself, as has been demonstrated by the life of Professor Hawking, the Cambridge physicist and author, who has suffered from MND for about 25

Overall there are 3 deaths per 100,000 population in Britain which Dr Stuart Neilson, director of Medical Information Systems at the Brunel unit, says has riseo 130 per cent since the 1960s when there were only 500 deaths per year. He says the "phenomeoal increase" is due mainly to increased life expectancy with people living long enough to develop MND.

Those who die from MND tend to do so between the ages of 60 and 80, with the peak heing at 70. But the British study found that those who lived in areas of high radon concentration teoded to die on average two and a half years earlier.

Radiation exposure comes mainly from natural sources in dle age. It affects nerves in the Britain, with nearly half ac-

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to the wasting of the muscles 13 per ceot comes from artilicial sources, of which 12 per cent comes from medical sources and I per ceot from occupational exposure or industrial discharges. Certain areas in Britain have particularly high areas of radon concentration - Cornwall, Devon, Northamptonshire and Somerset. In these areas MND mortality rate amongst meo was much higher - 3.85 per

100,000 in Cornwall. The results confirmed earlier work the researchers had done on MND mortality rates in Japan between the years 1950 and 1990.

Between the years of 1950 and 1963, until the Test Ban Treaty came into force, there were atmospheric weapons tests in the Pacific area.

In 1951 there was a mortality rate of 2.12 per 100,000 amoogst the Japanese aged 55 or more. By 1963 this bad jumped to a rate of 3.22 and amongst older men it even reached 4.5 per 100,000. The cessation of atom tests saw the rate drop swiftly to 2.39 per 100,000 in 1974.

Dr Neilson said he hoped the findings would lead to a greater understanding of the disease and what causes susA tantalising glimpse of the good life as artist puts exhibitions on the road



Motor show: A 1961 Ford Consul owned by the artist Fred Pipes and containing models of a kissing couple in homage to the film, La Dolce Vita, at the 30th Brighton Festival which continues until 26 May. Local artists traditionally open their homes to the public Photograph: Andrew Hasson

# Tornados' flight home clips wings of RAF

'Stupidvision' daytime TV slated contact with the human brain. Daytime television was the

> "It is tepid, dishwater soup, But the BBC pointed out last without character or flavour, innight that most of its daytime programmes were popular -and said it had already anhabiting some cardboard world 20 years out of date, in some nounced a re-think of morning imaginary middle suburbia. shows following the scrapping of its programme Good Moming with Anne and Nick. "It is Stupidvisioo - where most of the presenters look like they have to pretend to be stu-

professional "graveyard", with

a lack of new ideas and risky

Ms Toynbee said there were pid because they think their some exceptions: good cookery shows such as Can't Cook, Won't "In other words, it patronises. It talks to the vacuum cleaner Cook and Ready Steady Cook. and the washing machine and and the "magic insanity" Ms Toynbee says: "Most of it the microwave, without much

Warrant Officer George Fuller he reaches 55, he is full of foreinhabits a rapidly shrinking world. In his 37 years with the RAF, he has been turfed out of power: adventure. ooe far-flung hase after another from Hawaii to Belize, and even from garrisons closer to home, such as Ahingdon in

Oxfordshire. "Wherever I go, it gets closed down," he laments. The jinx has followed him to considered serving in England."

AF Brüggen, two ruoways After 2002 any bombing will RAF Brüggen, two ruoways cut on the German-Dutch border. The base was to have been the last outpost of British air power on the Continent beyond the milleonium. But on Wedoesday the Government announced that Brüggen's 52 Tornados would fly home by 2002, ending the RAFs pres-

ence in mainland Europe. Though WO Fuller is due to

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boding. By doing away with foreign bases, he fears the RAF will lose its main drawing

The British services used to recruit with the slogan - Join the Air Force, see the world, meet the people, and bomb them'," he said, "In my day, we never

have to be long-range, and ser-vicemen will spend more time away from their families, training in Canada's Arctic wilderoess. "That's going to put a great strain on marriages, and that will oot be good for morale," said Sgt Glenn Walker, who at 32 is shering in the new era.

Most of the RAF personnel at Brüggen are married with retire in 18 mooths' time when children, who are nurtured by

Servicemen and locals are upset by decision to leave Brüggen, writes

**Imre Karacs** 

a strong community and excellent schools. "People used to look forward to a tour of duty in Germany, says Valerie Thomas, the wife of a wing com-

The men come in the knowledge that their families will be well looked after. The women are kept busy by voluotary work, coffee mornings, shopping trips to a choice of three countries, and club life in the evening. The Forces' radio and televisioo stations keep the ex-

pats in touch with British news. The tedium of living in a hubble is relieved by Club Med-style leisure facilities, including an 18hole golf course, tennis courts and subsidised ski trips.

"We certainly don't want to go back to the UK in a hurry." aid Mrs Thomas.

The locals are in no mood to hasten ber departure. "We have always looked at the possible closure of the base with one eye in tears and the other smiling. says Karl-Heinz Kreder, mayor of the district council. Apart from the moocy the airmeo were spending at the village's tax-free shops, Mr Kreder stands to lose oearly DM6m (£2.7m) a year in German government subsidies, paid to ser-

vice the British population. The empty houses will most

likely to be allocated to immigrants from the former Soviet Union such as Kazakhs. Mr Kreder leaves no doubt that he prefers the Brits to the Kazakhs.

But German hostility to the hase is largely to blame for the decision, as Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, admitted on Wednesday. Because of a German ban on low-flying, the RAF has to carry out all training in Britain.

Senior officers concede it makes more sense to repatriate the aircraft. But they wonder whether Mr Portillo's pledge that the RAF's wings will not be fatally clipped in the process is realistic. "We are going to be-come a UK-hased air force with a world-wide commitment," said one. And that, he said, will be mission impossible.

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A devastating report into child abuse in North Wales, kept secret by Clwyd County Council but disclosed here, reveals chaos in the council's social services department and failure to act on a catalogue of complaints of physical and sexual assaults spanning decades. Roger Dobson reports

# Help that came 'too little, too late'

The inquiry report into child abuse in North Wales, which has been kept secret by Clwyd County Council, provides a devastating critique of poor social services management and missed opportunities in dealing with widespread abuse in children's homes.

"Too little too late" was the council's response to reports of abuse, according to a 300-page independent report which talks of "chaotic" organisacion in a Clwyd social services department which had failed to learn from its mistakes.

There had been at least 10 internal investigations by the council, several of which covered residential homes, but the report says: "Many of the professions interviewed by the independent panel expressed the view that Clwyd social services was very good at reviewing itself but has failed consistently to learn from its mistakes and been unable to implement a full range of appropriate safeguards.

We are of the opinion that Clwyd social services does not appear to have been able to learn from its own internal inquiries. Reviews ... are commissioned with no real attempt to implement the findings.

"A oumber of the internal investigations point to a chaotic state of overall management by Clwyd social services of its residential childcare provisioo.

"It is inescapable that the heart of the problems in Clwyd has been the lack of rigour in the matter of personnel policy and procedure. Our investigations have led us to the cooclusion that the abuse of children and young people in Clwyd residential units has beeo extensive and [took] place over

a substantial oumber of years. What was described by the North Wales police as the largest investigation of child abuse resulted in 3,755 witness statements being taken. This resulted in four men being coovicted. Not less than 24 people were recognised victims of these crimes: offences include buggery, indecent assault, cruelty, actual bodily harm.



No safe haven: The former Bryn Estyn children's home in Wrencham which featured in witness statements taken by police Photograph; Paul Sanders

"It is clear that the lives of young people who have been through the care system in Clwyd have been severely disrupled. At least 12 young people are dead.

"It is unclear how many other professionals, including police officers, were named in these statements as perpetrators. We know of at least three current employees of Clwyd social services who were interviewed as part of the investigation. To our knowledge none of them was disciplined.

"It would be tempting for those who wish to avoid any further critical examination of the issues to propose that the failings were confined to Clwyd

and to seek to draw a line under them.

"The panel has no doubt that the roles of other agencies such as health, education, probation, the North Wales Police and the Welsh Office, require similar careful and detailed scrutiny if more effective safeguards are to be put in place.

"Major gaps in our knowledge, along with the decisions of individuals and agencies not to meet with us, or in some instances to provide us with only limited information, has meant we have been left with misgivings which can only be answered or dispelled through further detailed examination

We raise these issues to indicate the degree of concern and disquiet felt in a number of quarters, from ex-residents themselves, to government ministers. The concerns regarding the care of children in the past and to some extent the present

have been sufficient to gener-

ate oumerous requests for a "Our findings show that time and time again the response to indications that children may have been abused has been too little and too late ... Our criticisms in this regard apply oot only to Clwyd but also to the

amine their contribution to our investigation. "A second overarching find-

ing is that there has been a conflict of interest ... the interests of young people have almost invariably been sacrificed with the false conviction that to take oo action was the only response. "Our findings also question

the outcomes and use made of previous investigations. There have been to our knowledge at least 10 internal inquiries within Clwyd.

We welcome the commitment of the county council to what we believe to be publicatioo in its entirety. We believe that all those with a responsibility for child protection

matters io Clwyd have an

inescapable duty to read our report io full. We consider that a public judicial inquiry under the arrangements set out under section 250 of the Local Government Act

should be initiated ... We highlight the issues helow which we consider to be of considerable public interest and which require urgeot scrutiny, guidance and review.

"First and foremost, childreo have a right to safe group living. We oote that many local authority residential units are being closed. However there are other group-living arrangements where vulnerable children may

1990 requesting, with the agree-

ment of the county council, an

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"Our view, albeit with the beoefil of hindsight, is that by

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chief inspector declined.

cation boarding placements which are required to be inspected only every four years; child psychiatric units where we are unclear about what inspections are undertaken; and youth custody and remand cenures, as well as the increasing private-sector provision including small homes which currently fall outside of

the usual inspection services. "All of these group-living environmeots are potential target areas for sex offenders. Hence areas for sex offenders. Hence a tightening of recruitment, monitoring and supervision in one type of establishment must be followed by a similar tight-ening in other types of estab-

"There is an evident increase in investigations of settings for vulocrable service users including childreo ... Underpinning our concern is the belief that children and families have a right to safe care and local authorities have a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that this safety is provided.

Secondly, insurance issues are complex. It is clear that the interests of the insurers of Clwyd have in recent years played an important part in the investigations of child abuse. We know however that this is not a situation unique to Clwvd.

Thirdly, the management of large police investigations Into child-protection matters, including retrospective allegations. needs urgent consideration.

"Fourthly, the discrepancie across public departments or be tween the law and guidance on written warnings in disciplinary matters, are all contributing factors to abuse conlinuing.

"It is clear that sex offeoders can and do network so that circonscribed investigations and strict adherence to, for example, [police] force boundaries, as evidenced by the use of the police database, Holmes, are clearly sometimes oot in the best interests of children and their right to safe caring.

"These issues are all of fundameotal importance. We regard it is imperative that they are addressed in the full view of

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The report calls for an urgent independent inquiry into the po-lice investigation of complaints of abuse at children's homes in

It also criticises way the joint investigation was handled, and wants a national database set up to establish links between sex offenders. The report also reveals that a dossier of names of "suspicious" people was presented

to police by Clwyd in 1991: "A number of former residents we interviewed stated that they made complaints when they absconded from their residential units. Indeed they frequently

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of the abuse they were experiencing within their units.
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formed sources ... that the relationship between the Chief Constable and some represen-tatives of the council were strained. Additionally we were told by a number of social services staff of dissatisfaction at absconded precisely because operational level with their dealings with the police.

"Since we were not able to meet with any police officers during our investigation we were unable to confirm or refute this. It would appear that the policy of joint investigation of child matters was not followed in Clwyd in a major police investigation instigated in 1991. We were told that the rationale for this was that the majority of complainants being

interviewed were now adults.
"Our understanding of the manner in which the police in-vestigation was mounted stems from the letter of July 1991 from the county solicitor to the Chief Constable outlining a oumber of concerns regarding residen-tial childcare in Clwyd.

"It raises the issue of a paedophile ring in North Wales. It also contains ... a list of suspi-cions, and a list of named individuals about whom there were queries. Following this letter an extensive police investigation

took place.
"The new Chief Constable for North Wales, Michael Argent, declined to meet with the independent panel; although he provided some statistical data to use, many of our questions re-

"Findings: It has become evthat the public and some social police investigation of com-

heard from a number of in- work professionals, have serious coocerns about the involvement of the police in the recent investigation which may com-promise future collaborations in

child-protection matters... "It appears to us that much of the major police investigation

was managed in such a way that precluded the utilisation of

plaints of child physical and sexual abuse in Clwyd's residential homes ... We feel there is a need for a national database whereby in situations of suspected organised institutional abuse, connections can be made across police boundaries."

Turning to the work of the Welsh Social Services Inspec-

### One care worker's shady past

■ April 1974: Applied for senior houseparent post at one home (Little Acton), was offered another (Bryn Estyn) instead.
■ June 1974. Told director of an offence he had committed in his previous job. Twice interviewed successfully for senior houseparent post.

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May 1982: Further complaint of physical assault. January 1983. Further allegation of physical assault.

April 1984. Deployed to another home. ■ August 1985. Suspended after allegations of physical assault. January 1986. Move to centre for mentally handicapped adults.
 December 1986. Allegation of physical assault on resident.

August 1987 Requests transfer back to child care. March 1992 Arrested in a major police Investigation. November 1994 guilty of common assault, and assault causing actual bodily harm. Suspended prison sentence of 15 months.

Clwyd's existing professional social work skills and expertise in child protection.

"It is our view that retrospective allegations of child abuse made by former juveniles who have reached adult status should be given the same degree of investigatory care ... as [has] been developed in relation to

young people under 18.
"We strongly urge that consideration be given to an inquiry, ident during our investigations as a matter of urgency, into the

torate, which has responsibility for inspecting children's homes, the report says that there was no inspection of any

Clwyd council residential chil-

dren's home between 1984 and edge of any inspection at Bryn Estyn [home] throughout the period when it was managed by the local authority, from 1974 onwards. We know that the former director of social ser-

"The report analyses the responses of the eight Welsh local. authorities. It states: These responses reveal a service which has been poorly directed and undermanaged. If good work is being done, it is in spite of the lack of ... explicit policies and

supportive management'. "Among the conclusions of the report is: Training in the recognition of the signs of distress and the experiences of sexual abuse among children should be part of the skills services would have signalled to package of all those working with children.

..There is a well-established constellation of factors

with poor management and residential care and with the atthe chief inspector in October titudes and behaviour of staff and children which can give strong pointers towards the possibility of abuse.

"The factors identified as being present in situations of institutional abuse had all beeo consistently and obviously present in Clwyd over 20 years: the Welsh office ... might have Recruitment policy oot standardised or rigorously imple-ments. # Lack of professional qualifications and insufficient in-house training. m Inadequate police checks. Lack of clear role houndaries for staff. ■ Confusions over responsibilines. w Individual children targeted for special favours. # High concentrations of vulnerable children with low esteem who are easier to target. Lack of care plans, Little or no involvement of children's wider network, including family, friends, social worker and

other professionals "We consider that a sensitive and regular programme of inspections, reviews, monitorings and spot checks is likely to provide the kind of support which encourages good pro-fessional practice. We consider unproveo the Welsh Office statement that the 1992 review did not reveal the cause of

concern which led to it. "Access to information to the extent of internal investigations into Clwyd's residential senior management at the Welsh Office that residential care for children was in a precarious and potentially dan-

# vices, Gledwyn Jones, wrote to which is frequently associated gerous state.

'One day you'll suss me out ... you ain't yet' believed she told untruths and behavioral presentation is whol-"Doo't make a judgemeet that CHRISTINE'S STORY from asthma. But the young

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I am a complete liar. Everybody is different. So what always makes me wrong and you and the others right? Just remem-

ber you doo't own me, I'm not your possession, although I have sometimes felt that way. "Social services, child guidance have taken everything I have to give and labelled me with so many different names. One day you'll finally suss me out cos you am't yet, not by a

being my social worker." These remarks from Christine, a young girl abused at home and in care, were passed on to the inquiry panel which her young hrother was soiling was told no one believed what the bed and her sister suffered

long chalk. Anyway, thanks for

she said and that police called her a liar, threatening to arrest her for wasting their time.

But the young child, barely out of primary school, had all the classic symptoms of someone who had been sexually abused at home before she went into care - where she also the subject of abuse. She tried to kill herself, slept on the floor fully clothed, never opened the curtain, did not eat; she refused to take part in physical education at school and she refused to clean her teeth, wanting them to turn brown. In addition,

child's desperate calls for help were ignored by care workers.

Professional reports in her file say "these allegations are unfounded". She had a "prone-ness to fantasy" and was a "deeply troubled young person". She is described in her file as a convincing liar, as someone who cannot be Jelling the truth because she speaks with oo

emotion and unlike a child. Police who investigated the allegations of abuse against her father labelled the girl as a "fan-tasist" and also pointed out ches like the "books and letters which show her talent for story writing". The Jillings re-port says: "The police clearly with her family of origin, whose

reinterviewed her and during this interview she retracted her original allegations."
Police visited the girl's home

after the allegations and found her room in an appalling state. Christine is said not to have caten since the time her father returned. Another file discloses sexual assault by both her father and step-grandfather. "There is a query about whether the stepgrandfather had a history of sexually abusing children, but d appears not to have been investigated," reveals the Jillings report. It adds: "The picture emerges of a young woman who had high levels of contact

ly consistent with experience of sexual abuse or some other traumatic abusive experience."

It goes on: "However, a clear message was evident from the police that there would be no further action regarding Christine's disclosure." Christine later made allegations against residential care staff and one person was later sacked, partly on the basis of her information.

The report adds: "It is clear that the professional network with whom Christine was in contact failed to have regard to any academic literature on sexual abuse. Her behaviour indicators were classic symp-



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Qana massacre: Fijian colonel in charge of UN compound dismisses Israeli claim that attack was a map-reading mistake

# 'We cried for all of the dead children'

ROBERT FISK Qana, southern Lebanon

Lieutenant Colonel Wame Waqaniyayalagi sat in the front of the television of his smashed officers' mess vesterday afternoon and watched his own headquarters being shelled by the Israelis. As the artillery rounds howled down on the Fi-

jian hattalion headquarters at Qana on the videotape in front of him, the colonel - who has spent eight years on United Na-tions service in southern Lebanon – pointed at the smoke that filled the screen.

"In there, Robert, was an awful place to be," he said. And he shook his head. "The Israeli margin of error was too hig to say this was an error. There were two Israeli helicopters observing the shelling in this headquarters - they were oh-serving as shells landed here."

The videotape, which forms the centrepiece of the UN investigation into the attack on Qana - a copy of the film was obtained by the Independent showed an Israeli pilotless reconnaissance drone, used for artilleri spotting, flying low over Qana at the height of the Israeli bombardment. The Israelis said it was on "another mission" but Colonel Waqaniyavalagi was unimpressed.

"I wouldn't know about 'another mission"," he said point- the colonel has children - two-

shelled. My men saw these Is-raeli drone planes from their observation post. They saw one hefore the massacre. We know the Israelis are very good at artillery shooting. Much of the time when the Israelis have shot in this area, we would loaf around in the camp. We knew how accurate their shooting was. That's why there was no air of expectancy in the camp before the attack."

The colonel was in his com-

mand centre when the first Is-raeli artillery round to hit the UN hase - there were 12 in all -landed near the Fijian UN battalion's outdoor refrigerator on 18 April. "It was chaos," he said. "Éveryone was crying. People were being killed. Bodies were flying in the air. At one point there was a hig explosion and I looked up and saw a whole house had gone. I saw two of my soldiers carrying bodies in hlankets with hands hanging out, People were shouting casualties' and 'four soldiers severely

The colonel raised his hands. "When it was over, I just couldn't believe it - that we could be shelled in our own tactical headquarters. I was astonished. I stood there helpless. I couldn't do anything to stop the whole thing.

But like many of the 150 Fiiian soldiers at the Qana hase, edly. "All I know is that I was year-old Leilaoi, Lorna, six,



After the shelling: 'It was chaos. Everyone was crying. Bodies were flying in the air, my soldiers carried bodies in blankets' Photograph: Globenet

and an eight-year-old boy called Sakiesa - and it was their faces which confronted him when the Israeli shells had killed the last of the 120 or more refugees.

There were so many dead children and when I saw the bodies, my own children were right in front of me. The colonel put his hand in front of his face, the fingers towards him. They were there, like that, so close to me, If they had told me there was going to be a mas-sacre, I wouldn't have come to Lebanon, It is one of the saddest, most deplorable things that any human being can be killed under our security."

Most of the 560 refugees in the camp-another 300 ran into the UN base just before the shelling and after they had heard the Hizbollah mortar fire 350 metres away - had been living among the Fijians for eight days and some of the soldiers had become close friends with the Lebanese civilians, es-

pecially the children.
"We had been living with these people for more than a week," the colonel said. "Every night, our soldiers would hold the habies and rock them to sleep for their mothers. My men gave up their beds, their and most of his men wept in the

people. They taught us to make the Lebanese kibis food and when we held our Christian service every evening they would all be very quiet and many of the Muslims would come and stand near us and watch us in silence as we prayed.

"It was a relationship with the Lebanese people that we hadn't had in the 18 years our battalions have been here. And then we saw them killed. We were starting to learn each other's culture. And suddenly, everything went away." The colonel admits that he

of the attack. "We all cried. We had known them so well - some of my men were very affected. They knew the kids and they had to pick up pieces of them. They had held the babies and they had to pick them up in bits. It's just too horrific to describe."

At the weekend, a UN team from New York arrived to provide psychological help for the soldiers, some of whom had slept in groups on the floors in the nights that followed, unable to sleep, jumping at the slightest sound - a car braking or a spoon dropping from a table. Several were recommended im-

Colonel Waganiyayalagi did observe several Hizbollah men arrive at the compound after not before - the shelling. They were, he said, the men who fired the mortars at which the Israelis claimed they were firing.

They came in to look for their

families who were here. And one of them found that all his family had been killed. He was hysterical. He kept shouting these are my people'. But the people who died were civilians. They had become our friends. Who cannot see this and think of their children? At the end, I cried inside my soul. Not even tears can

aid to Muslims Paris (Reuter) - France sought yesterday to stamp out possible controversy over a statement by a junior minister who sald French aid to war-hit Lebanese civilians was in part being dis-tributed by Hizbollah's Muslim

French

dispel

fears on

fundamentalist guerrillas.
"France's attitude to Hizbollah has not changed," Jacques Rummelhardt, a foreign ministry spokesman, said about a weekend statement during a visit to Lebanon by Xavier Em-manuelli, junior minister for emergency humanitarian ac-

While touring southern Lebanon, Mr Emmanuelli answered positively when asked if he knew French aid given to the Lebanese government for dis-tribution was being passed on to Hizbollah for distribution in the field.

"Hizhollah participates ... in medical rescue and social welfare [in southern Lebanon]. There is no reason to exclude them," Mr Emmanuelli said.

The statements were potenrially damaging politically since Paris courts have said the Iranian-backed Shia Muslin group was thought to be connected to a bomh attack in Paris in 1986 in which half a dozen people were killed and dozens wounded. The French military also holds Hizbollah responsible for the suicide bombing of a French position in Beirut in 1983 in which 58 paratroops were killed, Another 241 American Marines were killed in a similar attack there the same day.

Mr Runmelhardt said yesterday: "Mr Emmanuelli was not thinking of anything beyond recognising that Hizbollah can be involved in certain charita-

hle activities.

"But this changes oothing to France's attitude which, I insist, is that Hizbollah must scrupulously respect the 26 April ceasefire agreements enting the cycle of violence."
President Jacques Chirac said

last week that France's renewed commitment to Lebanon was demonstrated by aid to civilians who suffered in Israel's retaliatory blitz between 11 and 27 April after rocket attacks by Hizboliah guerrillas. Mr Chirac, who visited

Lebanon days before the conflict broke out and pledged support for Lehanon's sovereignty. that Freech help broker the ceasefire gave Paris a new diplomatic footbold io the region.

France had a mandate over Lebanoo and Syria between the two world wars.

# US backing for Israel 'puts peace effort at risk'

JOHN CARLIN

The announcement yesterday that the Israeli Foreign Minister. Ehud Barak, will meet his US counterpart. Warren Christopher, in Washington tomorrow to discuss plans for an Israeli-America "defence allinnce" will only reinforce Arab perceptions of American bias in the Middle East.

Foreign Minister and other tions with its traditional Middle Arab leaders criticised the failure of both Democrats and Republicans to venture a shred of criticism of Israel's recent bombardment of Lebanon. The time had come, the Arab lead-

Union to play a more forthright part in restoring some international halance to the Middle East equation.

sponse in Washington to the Arah complaints is unlikely to lasting peace between fsraelis be one of abject apology, much and Palestinians. less a policy U-turn. Indeed, President Bill Clinton made it Eastern ally. The goal of the envisioned defence alliance with Isruel would be "to meet common threats in the years to come". Mr Clinton said. "US-Israeli strate-

Surprisingly, however, the novel idea is beginning to seep through Washington that Arab criticism of American bias to-But, as yesterday's an-nouncement indicates, the re-tirely unjustified and could undermine efforts to achieve a

"will grow in importance."

An article in Sunday's New York Times pondered the notion clear last week that his plan is that the US government might leaning too heavily behind Israel during the conflagration that claimed 150 Lehanese lives last month.

"There is increasing concern among Middle East specialists from Israel - and thereby damaging its ability to play the 'honest broker' for Israelis and Arabs," the newspaper said. If the United States is the

most influential international player in the Middle East, the New York Times is the newspawith the most influence on US Middle East policy.

ing its "critical distance" from Israel presents the possibility of a dehate oo the previously unutterable.

Or maybe not. In the view of one Middle Eastern specialist gic co-operation," he promised, that America is losing something the notion that there had been

tance" from Israel in the first place was merely a bad joke. It's like a woman who has been sleeping around a lot," he said, "and suddenly wakes up one morning worrying that people might be saying she is not a vir-

gin any more." The Clinton administration insists, however, that its motives Thus the very consideration are pure, driven by the belief of the idea by the New York that to achieve the paramount tive that Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, defeats his hard line Likud rivals in Israel's

29 May elections. What many Middle East specialists suggested was that more even-handedness was required

to prevent the Arab world from becoming calamitously antago-nistic towards the US-brokered peace process.

Jim Zogby, the director of Washington's Arab American Institute, believes the US response to the Israeli offensive in Lebanon will have damaging and far-reaching consequences for the Middle East peace effort. "It is a reminder that even

when you have a dispropor-Lebanon's people, the US cannot find its way to urge restraint on Israel," Mr Zogby said, "And that reminder will have a permanent distorting effect on fu-ture US relations in the Middle

But could the US cash in its chips with Israel at a later date and apply pressure when obstacles are encountered in the peace process? Mr Zogby had his doubts.

'We won't know until after the Israeli elections. We see what we get." And that is a US political establishment utterly beholden to the domestic pro-

Israel lobby. As Mr Zogby is not alone in cy towards Israel is not so much function of America's national interest as of the fear all elected officials in Washington have of incurring the wrath of the organised and influential pro-Israel forces inside the US.

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Russian election: President backs Communists' insistence on 16 June poll but hints at trouble ahead

# Yeltsin leaves civil war card on the table

PHIL REEVES

Boris Yeltsin delivered a masterful political lesson in the art of having your cake and eating it yesterday as he weighed into the squall caused by his chief of security and personal confi-dant, Alexander Korzhakov, who suggested that the forthcoming presidential elections should be postponed to avoid civil unrest.

The president, who is lagging behind the Communists' Gennady Zyuganov in most polls, said the election should go ahead on time and rebuked his aide, advising him to stop meddling in politics and keep quiet. "I trust in the wisdom of the Russian voters," he said. Yet Mr Yeltsin was equally

quick to reinforce his security chief's efforts to drum up fears that there will be civil strife if the election goes ahead and the Kremlin falls into the hands of the Communists: "Several people . . . believe that Zyug-anov's victory would be the be-ginning of a civil war," he said.

The remarks hy Lt-Gen Korzhakov, head of the presidential guard - who insists he was speaking personally -fanned speculation the Kremlin is cooking up a plan to put off the 16 June elections, a rumour that has been bubbling surances to the contrary by Mr Yeltsin. The rumour is under-standable, but improbable. The president is struggling to catch the Communists, even though Russia's untrustworthy polls

show him narrowing the gap.
Although his administration is manipulating much of the national media (despite his com-



would lead to civil conflict

plaints that the local Russian papers have been "libelling" him), Mr Yeltsin is haunted by a long list of public grievances - not least his failure to settle the conflict in Chechnya.

Moreover, his entourage is likely to regard handing over power as desirable as jumping in the filthy river Moskva.

tion season is well under way. The Communist chairman of the State Duma, Gennady Se-

leznyov, accused Mr Yeltsin of "rocking the boat"; Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nation-alist, said it was a sign the Kremlin knew it was losing, Vik-tor Anpilov, head of a small but influential Stalinist branch of the Communists, warned a de-lay could lead to civil war.

It is not all rhetoric: Russia is divided; civil war is not impossible. But the presidential bodyguard's activities have more to do with trying to whip up fears over the "red peril" than any serious strategy.
In this, it probably failed. As

he races around the country at a speed that must cause furrowed brows among his doctors, Mr Yeltsin would do better to stick to a more orthodox script, such as pointing out that - according to government statistics (which here, as elsewhere, should be handled with care) – the inflation rate for April dropped to 2.2 per cent, a record since the reforms began.

Whether the administration can sustain that figure is questionable - the Kremlin has been splashing out money in the hope of buying votes - but it is a useful short-term achievemour that has been bubbling away in the cauldron of Moscow duced a flurry of condemnations politics despite repeated as-

# Zyuganov's surprise visit has Germans on defensive

**IMRE KARACS** 

The entire German government the stated purpose of Mr went underground yesterday as Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist who wants to be Russia's new leader, swept into Bonn on a visit that dared not speak its name. Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel, feigned to know nothing of the "private" trip, arranged in haste by the German Foreign Policy Society, a body partly

funded by the government. Mr Zyuganov's sudden arrival in the country that has tried to spearhead President Boris Yeltsin's re-election campaign was no doubt unconnected with recent polls in Russia showing the Communist leader ahead.

Mr Kohl has made great efforts to back his friend Boris and ignore the other man. The Chancellor had an opportunity to make amends when leaders of the leading industrial nations met in Moscow in March. But while John Major and Bill Clinton gritted their teeth and shook Mr Zyuganov's hand, Mr Kohl snubbed him. By yesterday, however, Ger-

It was the last campaign raily in India's marathon general elec-

tions for the prime minister, Narasimha Rao, and possibly his

last ever. The crowd was sparse; the rows of empty seats in the Jammu stadium glared out at as he lectured like a dusty, old

schoolmaster who had long ago

A bad week, indeed, for Mr

Ran. At rallies from Bihar to

Jammu more people turned up

to see his helicopter than him.

Four opinion polls predict that

in the three rounds of general

elections - which end today -

Mr Rao's once-mighty Con-

gress Party will fare worse than

it ever has since independence.

And, to top it off, his personal

guru, Chandraswamy, was ar-rested on charges of fraud, in

which the prime minister, too,

pable. Reporters on the pre-

mier's airplane hack from

Jammu found him combative.

He clings to the slender possi-bility that the Congress Party,

even in disarray, may be able to coment together a coalition government with the leftists

and some of the regional par-ties. Mr Rao, who is 74 and has

Yet Mr Rao seems unflap-

has been tainted.

lost his pupils' attention.

Zyuganov's visit was to deliver speech about the Russian elections. It then transpired that the presidential candidate would also be meeting behind closed doors the leaders of all the main political parties, in-cluding Wolfgang Schäuble, the Chancellor's right-hand man and head of the Christian Democrats' parliamentary group. As Mr Schäuble is merely the second most powerful man in Germany but has no cabinet post, the visit was still private,

official spokesmen insisted.
In the end the society laid on an improvised press conference but forgot to invite the German and Russian media. In true Russian style, Mr Zyuganov turned up late and immediately asked for a drink. Officials looked around in embarrassment before the interpreter cleared up the confusion: the would-be president had asked for "voda" (water), not vodka. He looked as sober as

Mikhail Gorbachev, and showed off some diplomatic

Rao clings to straws in

a history of heart ailments, be-lieves that he, again, could be-come prime minister.

As Mr Rao figures it, the third-placed National Front-

Left Front (NF-LF) - a loose

and often loopy assortment of

communists, socialists, region-

al strongmen, and parties rep-

resenting Muslims and those

Hindus on the bottom of India's

social hierarchy - will never

ists accuse the BJP of brewing

up an incendiary mix of politics

Mr Rao is gambling that, eventually, the leftists will turn to Congress – and to him – to stop the BIP from enforcing

their Hindu revivalism on India. The odds are against Mr Rao.

The BJP, led by Atal Behari Va-

inayee, a gifted orator who is probably the Hindu party's sole

liberal, may sweep as many as 200 out of the 543 seats in the

Lok Sabha, according to some

forecasts. If so, the BJP may suc-

ceed in patching together its own coalition with the extrem-

ist Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, the Sikh Akali Dal in Punjab

and a few scattered MPs in Haryana and Andhra Pradesh.

If the BJP cannot put to-

gether a government, it will be the Con Congress's turn. Even then, Mr Rao may find himself dumped. with it."

and Hindu chanvinism.

hook up with the BJP. The left-

a face of election oblivion

man foreign policy was begin-skills. No, he was not upset ning to change course with the 'about being treated by the West agility of a supertanker. At first like a leper. Apart from Messrs Major and Clinton, he had held talks in Moscow with the ambassadors of all the major pow

ers, including India.

Nor was he worried about suggestions emanating from the Yeltsin camp that next month's elections should be postponed. "The elections and the date is fixed by the constitution," he said. From our point of view, we want to make sure that the agreed laws are ob-served." Should the elections be aborted, then Russia would plunge into "political chaos", Mr Zyuganov stated, without a hint of menace in his voice.

He reserved that for Western leaders trying keep his rival in power. "It is a mistake to stake everything on one politician," Mr Zyuganov told the German television station Pro 7. "Yeltsin's party gained only 10 per cent in the last elections. You must see that in the West. To support such a policy is

It is a pity Germany's leaders were not able to receive his warning in an official capacity.

Many leaders within the rag-tag NF-LF have vowed never to

hitch up with Congress while Mr

Rao remains in charge. The NF-

LF blames Mr Rao for the de-

struction of a 16th century mosque in Ayodhya by Hindu militants and selling out to western multi-national compa-

nies in his attempts to liberalise India's rusty socialist economy.

leader, we are prepared to do business with the Congress."

bers have lost all sense of deco-

rum. Expecting a rout in the

polls, some are baying for Mr

Rao's departure as party president. Others are plotting the re-

turn of Congress renegades such as Madhavrao Scindia and

Arjun Singh in Madhya Pradesh, NT Tiwari in Uttar Pradesh, and P Chidambaram

in Tamil Nadu. Within Congress,

a replacement for Mr Rao is

also already being sought.

As Vir Sanghvi, a columnist in the weekly Sunday, opined,

To hope, as Mr Rao does, that

he survives while the Congress dies, is foolish. He has guided the Congress to these depths. And if it sinks, he will drown

Meanwhile, Congress mem-

President Boris Yeltsin during summit on nuclear safety. Britain, which supports Mr Yeltsin and his re-election ef-forts (although it only admits to supporting "reforms"), an-nounced another £35m in aid.

certain warming of relations. Only last month John Major

was in Moscow for talks with

Yet, for all the cool friendliness, there is plenty of evidence that the intelligence community has ploughed on with its work. In March, a parliamentary committee warned of an increase in Russian spying The former Defence Min-lster, Tom King, said the Russians "were back in busi-ness" having retrenched after

the fall of the Soviet Union. These days there are 300 British businessess operating in Russia, and some £350m worth of investment. Yet secrets remain: many activities, from nuclear disarmament, to chemical weapons. Nato policy, and the sale by Russia of nuclear technology to China and Iran, remain of keen interest to the

But the latest affair should he also seen in the context of mouth, President Yeltsin faces an election this summer, which he could easily lose to the resurgent Communists.

The country is in a nationalist and anti-Western mood. not least because of the proposed expansion of Nato. but also because Russians feel cheated of the prosperity that everyone promised capitalism and free market reforms would

Discovering a nest of spies within the hallowed walls of the British Embassy in Moscow, a grand old mansion which overlooks the Kremlin from the far bank of the Moskva River. and which was yesterday under seige from camera crews, can only help Mr Yeltsin's administration's efforts to align itself with popular opinion.

It was not a coincidence that the Federal Security Services (FSB), the successor to the KGB, was last night crowing about the 'high level of pro-

Whether Russians are pay-ing any attention is another matter. They seem bored by such squabbles, just as they did in March, when the Russians threw out the British husinessman Nigel Shakespear for "activities incompatible with his status", or last year, when Britain sent home a Russian

television journalist. But significantly, this is the second time in only two years that Russia has claimed to have unmasked a spy for Britain in its midst. Vadim Sintsov, 59, a Russian arms industry official, was arrested in January 1994, although the case did not emerge until March. He said he earned £8,000 for a year's work, adding that his British paymasters had

been particularly interested in arms supplies to the Middle East. Shortly after this, the Rus-sians expelled John Scarlett, said by Russian officials to have been the head of the MI6 station in Moscow. The most famous case of a

Russian recruited by Britain

in Russia's military intelligence, the GRU, He was arrested and sentenced to death in May 1963; ten days earlier, the film of From Russia with Love, the latest James Bond film, had been released. Greville Wynne, the British husinessman who was Penkovsky's go-between was also sentenced to eight years in prison; he was freeed in a spy-swap a year later for Gordon Lonsdale, who had been jailed for his role in the Portland spying ring. Eight British diplomats and five Americans were declared per-

The British Embassy in Moscow refused to comment on the affair in public. But it made its feeling subtly felt by releasing a press release last night which pointed out that to-day the British Defence Attaché would be officiating at a ceremony at which 80 Russian military officers will graduate from a retraining programme in Moscow, paid for by the British Ministry of was Oleg Penkovsky, a Colonel Defence.

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# Russia's spy allegation echoes era of Cold War confrontation





Spy and go-between: Oleg Penkovsky (left), a Russian intelligence colonel, sent information to London through Greville Wynne (right)

PHIL REEVES

IF the husiness of spying was the same as that of making wine, then Russia and Britain were yesterday dusting off old, and not particularly pleasant, bottles from their darkest cellars. The era? That of Phiby, Burgess, and Blunt,

Seven years have elapsed since Russia and Britain have fallen out quite so spectacularly over spying, this time over an allegation by Moscow that they have caught rethanded a Russ-ian agent for working M16, who lead them to his controllers within the ornate walls of the

Whith the ornate wans of the British embassy.

On the last occasion, each side threw out 11 people, journalists and diplomats. This time, given the evident fury of the Foreign Office, who de-scribed the Russian behaviour as "wholly unjustified", a similar tit-for-tat performance seems to be looming.

What divides the two incidents, of course, is the collapse

# **Aznar**

Spain's new Popular Party ministers swore an oath of allegiance to King Juan Carlos yesterday, before sweeping new brooms into old offices to clear them of 13 years of Socialist rule. The new Prime Minister, Jose Maria Aznar, defines his government as centrist but has

Mr Aznar is flanked by two vice-presidents, Rodrigo Rato, 47, and Francisco Alvarez Cascos, 48. Mr Rato, a Jesuittrained lawyer with a Berkeley business degree, is also Econ-omy Minister. Mr Alvarez Cas-cos becomes Mr Aznar's political supremo, taking over a beefed-up Prime Minister's office. He has a reputation as something of a bruiser.
At the Foreign Ministry, Abel

Matutes, 54, owner of a bank and one of Spain's richest men, brings experience as an EU commissioner. One of his first ministerial comments was to warn that the economy could be damaged by jumping into En-

over an Interior Ministry split placed to attempt the task, and is credited with bringing in the

a nucleus of young politicians who joined, or founded, the pro-Franco Popular Alliance during Spain's first steps towards democracy, but then ditched the

# opts for **Catholic** cabinet

**ELIZABETH NASH** 

chosen a strongly conservative and Catholic team.

rope's single currency too soon.

Jaime Mayor Oreja takes

from the Justice portfolio, with the challenge of stopping Basque terrorism. Mr Mayor Jaipal Reddy, a spokesman from one of the NF-LF's parties, put it bluntly; "If Narasimha Rao is not the Oreja, who built up the PP in the Basque country, is well five MPs of the Basque Nationalist Party behind Mr Aznar. Mr Aznar's team comes from

> dictator's political legacy.
> Four flamboyant women are included. Isabel Tocino heads a

new Environment ministry. Esperanza Aguirre, a Madrid senator, leads the combined ministry of Culture and Edu-cation, while Margarita Mariscal, a right-wing inde-pendent magistrate, heads the Justice ministry. Loyola de Palacio, the former PP parliamentary spokeswoman, takes over



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# Brother defends Serb accused of Omarska terror

Kozarac — Mladen Tadic tells his story well, his phrases polished in interview after interview, his sincerity total. He is a walking PR campaign for his brother, Dusko, who goes on trial today at the Hague charged with crimes against humanity – specifically the torture and murder of Muslim men held at Omarska, a prison camp set up by the Bosnian Serbs in the summer of 1992 to hold the victims of "ethnic cleansing".

Dusan Tadic, his hrother says, has Muslim friends (the charges include an allegation that he murdered one such friend) and even spoke out against the thugs looting and burning Muslim property in his home town, Kozarac.

"He is totally innocent," Bosko, a middle-aged man wearing an electric-purple shell suit, said. They say that all those houses that are oot destroyed were saved by him. He protected them." Perhaps he did, though, if so,

his efforts came to cought. Virtually every house in Muslim, stands gutted and abandoned, torched to ensure that the inhabitants who escaped would never come back Along the main street, lined with flowering chestnut trees, only a few buildings stand, those belonging to Serbs.
One is the café that once be-

longed to Dusko, oow run by Mladen. A piebald pig reaps for scraps beside the wooden tables that stand outside and three surly soldiers play pool at an outdoor table. They are not from Kozarac, and their unfrieodly demeanour suggests they have been sent to keep an eve ou Mladen.

The local authorities and in particular the police chief in oearby Prijedor are not happy, Miaden says, with the Tadics' campaign to clear Dusko, "Normal people, our neighbours, our friends, are supporting us as much as they can," he said. "However the people who should be helping us the most are oot giving us any support."

As Dusan Tadic's trial starts, his brother tells Emma Daly he is no war criminal

cause Dusan, a local official, "knew what was actually happening here". And when he tried to protect the town from the upheaval, Mladen says, Du-san was press-ganged and sent to the froot. He escaped and is now wanted for descriton by the Serbs in Bosnia.

"He's accused by the Serbs of being a deserter and by the Muslims of being a war criminal. That's a cootradiction, Maden said, firmly. The allegations of torture and murder are probably true he admits: but his brother is the victim of mistakeo identity. "There is one



will prove his innocence

man here who looks like Dusko's twin and I think he is the one," Mladen explained, "But he has the full protection of the police."

One plank of the Tadic defence is that Dusan was never in Bosnia. at Omarska; he certainly did not work there as a guard, but that is an element that makes the allegations yet more heinous. The war crimes tribunal contends that Dusan tortured for fun, that he turned op at Omarska looking for a twisted good time. He is accused of forcing one prisoner to bite off the testicles of another; the second man died.

This, Mladen claims, is be-solitary confinement at a purpose-built prison block in Schevenginen. "He can hardly wait to get the trial started. He is really looking forward to it," said Miaden, who has to visit another brother in the city of

Banja Luka to connect with Dusan's weekly phone calls.
"He is confident he will prove So far neither Dusan's wife, Mira, or his two brothers still in Bosnia, have raised the money for a plane ticket to the Hague Mladen said. Dusan's expertise in karate - the café is filled with black-and-white photos of Dusan and Mladen in karate kit

- has stood him in good stead

over the past twelve months, Mladen said. "He has good living conditions at The Hague, including a gym where he can exercise That has kept him going be-cause you can imagine what it is like to live alone in the jail," he added. "There are some days when he is in a very good mood but other times he is down and he cannot understand for example why none of the local officials will help his case." The official Serb line

towards the tribunal has gradually changed, from outright hostility (it was set up as part of the supposed global conspiraagainst Serbs) to demands that it investigate crimes committed against Serbs. But there is no acknowledgement yet that the war-crimes process is a necessary precursor to a real peace

Still, a few people in Kozarac, the kind of sleepy, small town that ought to exist in happy obscurity, will admit to the need for some justice. "All those who acted in an evil way towards other human beings, who killed or raped, should face the tribunal, he they Serbs, Muslims or Croats," Mladen said. "If my brother is guilty he should stand trial. But he is not guilty."



# Ancient city pays the price of peace

Petra - Like that other coffeetable wonder of the East, the Tai Mahai, Petra transcends all that the late-20th century can throw at it mass tourism, hustling salesmen and bad poetry. The Graeco-Roman tombs and temples hewn in the living rock by Nabatean traders 21 centuries ago, still surprise and humble travellers to the desert ghost town.

Since Jordan made peace with Israel in 1994, the trickle of visitors has grown to a stampede, from 700 a day to 4,000: Israelis by the busload, but more often foreigners taking in both flanks of the Holy Land. The government has given up trying to limit the daily influx of

When I was last here, two Letters, page 12 | years ago, the neighbouring

Travellers in their thousands make the pilgrimage to Petra, writes Eric Silver

sa (population 22,000) boasted three hotels. Now it has 32, fourand five-star and still building not to mention "Petra Burger joints and T-shirt shops offering 25 per cent discounts in Hebrew. Land values have soared from about £2,000 an acre to £200,000. The town's 3,500

houses are being painted Petra-pink by order of Queen Noor. "In the summer," said a local guide, Mahmoud, a bedouin with a masters degree in electrical engineering, "the people here used to take their goats and teots into the hills and become nomads again. This year they're all working in tourism."

Dean Burgon, an obscure

19th-century Anglican, hymned Petra as "a rose red city half as old as time". More prosaically, Mahmond counts 15 different coloured stripes, traces of untapped minerals, in the sandstone caves and cliffs. Edward Lear's travelling cook described it as a place "where everything is chocolate, ham, curry powder and salmon". A British archaeologist, Crystal Bennet, chided him for leaving out the vanilla ice cream and blueberries.

You can travel to the site quite simply - by but or hired car from Amman (125 miles down the Desert Highway) or Aqaba (75 miles). There are also day trips all façades, with square, rain-

from Agaba's twin Israeli Red bow-striped caves hollowed out Sea resort of Eilat. Yet Petra itself remains a challenge. Vehicles are banned. From

the government tourism centre, you ride a horse, walk or take a buggy through a dark, dry, narrowing ravine that rears to 200ft on either side, then opens with a shock of revelation on the sun-drenched pink façade of the "Treasury", 135ft high by 75ft wide, with its exquisitely carved pillars and pediments, domes, decapitated gods and eagles "This is the way every city should greet its visitors. marvelled an architect member

To the west, the Treasury plaza broadens into a stonestrewn valley with more temples cut in the walls on either side -

behind them. The Nabatean merchants built to impress, but lived more modestly.

The Romans, who followed them, added an amphitheatre and a paved and pillared road, the Byzantines a monastery. King Hussein's contribution, a scatter of coffee shops and at least one public lavatory housed inside a cave with water mysteriously on tap - manages not to intrude.

Petra is huilt on scale which absorbs the multitude of visitors exploring on foot in the desiccating beat. From the Nabatean "High Place", 900 steps up the mountainside, their figures appear tiny, Lilliputian. Two thousand years after it was hewn from the cliff-face, Petra still dwarfs the modern world.

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Bahrain opposition says protester was shot

Manama — Bahrain's main opposition group said that a man short by masked security officers during protests had died of his wounds. The development could fuel anti-government rioting in the Gulf island-state. The opposition said Fadhil Abbas Maribon, 25, was short and talescape are the state of the said Fadhil Abbas Maribon, 25, was short and talescape are the said Fadhil Abbas Maribon, 25, was short and 25 are the said Fadhil Abbas Maribon, 25, was short and 25 are the said Fadhil Abbas Maribon, 25, was short and 25 are the said Fadhil Abbas Maribon, 2 shot and taken away by security men on Friday night at the Shi-ite Muslim village of Karzakkan, about 15 miles from the capi-tal Manama.

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Romanians feel surrounded by rats Bucharest -- Rats outnumber people in Bucharest by 10-to-one but they are way behind cockroaches at 200-to-one and mosquitoes at 100-to-one, according to statistics in an environmental magazine The numbers reported have made 2.3 million Bucharest residents fearful of stray dogs, put at one per 10 people. Reuter

Father of the Exocet missile dies at 87 Paris - A Retired five-star General, Jean Crepin, a pioneer in the development of Franco-German weapons and a "father" of the famed Exocet missile died at the weekend, aged 87. Reuter

Chirac rolls out welcome mat for Hassan Paris - France rolled out the red carpet for King Hassan of Morocco. President Jacques Chirac welcomed the monarch at Orly airport with full military honours at the start of a two-day state visit during which Hassan will become only the third foreign leader to address France's National Assembly.

Iran's smokers guarded from persecution Tehran - Iran's parliament oo Sunday withdrew a law it passed banning smoking in public places because of opposition from the Guardian Council, which vets parliament decisions before they take effect It ruled the law was unconstitutional.

Reuter

Latvian coalition frays at the edges

Riga — The first crack appeared in Latvia's unwieldy coalition, when Prime Minister Andris Shkele sacked his farm minister, Albert Kauls, a former hardline Communist.

Americans confer over illegal immigrants

Mexico City — Mexico and the US opened a meeting to extend economic co-operation into the more delicate arenas of illegal

immigration and drug trafficking. Secretary of State Warreo Christopher led the US delegation. Reuter Pledge to send Bosnians home fuels row Bonn — Human rights groups and opposition politicians accused interior ministers in Germany's 16 states of shirking responsibility for the fare of 320,000 Bosnian refugees they want to start sending bome in July. The state ministers decided Germany would

Murdoch's screen ambition convested

start repatriating refugees from 1 July.

Sydney - Rupert Murdoch's screen ambitions comes Rupert Murdoch won government approval to open a £65m 20th Century Fox studio at Sydney's historic showground site, but lo-cal residents vowed to fight the decision.

Nato and WEU agree to swap secrets Brussels - Nato and the Western European Union, its European arm, exchanged an accord to help the Europeans play a big-ger role in their own defence. The agreement gives the WEU access to classified documents and communications codes.

Turks' search for hotel ends in hot water Dnipropetrovsk - Two Turkish businessmen were detained in Ukraine for causing a disturbance and "accosting young women," of rame for causing a distinuance and according young women, after getting lost on the subway. They did not speak Ukrainian or Russian, and began approaching passersby for belp, showing handwritten signs which they thought indicated the name of their hotel and the nearest subway station. They had carefully copied down the letters from signs, but failed to understand them. One. said: "Sorry, no vacancies," and the other said: "Entrance." AP

# Colby's body is found

The body of William Colby, the 1973 to 1976, disappeared after former CIA director who van-

Mr Colby, 76, who ran the CIA's covert operations in Vietnam and was CIA director from

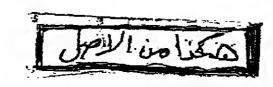
going canoeing near his family holiday home. The canoe was

Police said they did not suspect any crime. It was though Mr Colby was alive when he fell into the water but suffered hypothermia and drowned.









The District Auditor's final verdict on Westminster council may rob John Major of his majority. David Walker reports

The District Auditor's axe is Brian Mawhinney and crew to l poised. At last - after having announced his judgement on Westminster council in January 1994 and then having gone back and considered it all once again - John Magill has Shirley Porter and colleagues on the scaffold. Come Thursday, barring last-minute judicial intervention, her head looks likely to fall under a multi-million pound

surcharge and disqualification.
At this low ebb in Tory for-tunes, the Westminster council scandal hands another befty piece of ammunicion to Labour. The auditor's conclusions will be natched with those of Sir Richard Scott's Iraq report. Put as a martyr to the Tory state.

Take the bespectacled figure the Tories cannot be trusted with power. More subtly - since both Scott and Magill were called in to tidy up after that late Eightes period of Tory hegemony when arrogant politicians gave ittle thought to the niceties of proper procedure - the lesson is hat the more politicians feel hey walk on water, the more

langerous they get. The Westminster affair is also to do with amateurism and political paranoia. Lady Porter vas always an exotic. She came ate to politics and never really inderstood, let alone sympahised with, the local demoratic system. Her fate conirms, perhaps unhappily, that modern British politics is a place for specialists alone.

As a local authority, the City of Westminster has a specific character, from which one should not generalise too far. It s the only council to have a permanent Security Service liai-son. (Westminster's permission is needed to allow ML5 to check manholes on the routes around Buckingham Palace.)Letting City Hall in Victoria fall into Labour hands seemed akin to giving away the Crown Jewels.

Lady Porter was genuinely anxious prior to the 1992 London boroughs election; her worry about Labour taking over precipitated (says the auditor) the illegal policy of weeding out those who rented council property and the homeless.

To understand why, it has to be remembered that she came into politics when London said - had no option but to Labour was at its most extreme. Though Westminster Labour has always been a mixed and rather moderate bunch, what she saw on looking at the Oppo-sition beaches was the potential triumph of Ken Livingstone.

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Lady Porter, rich as she is, well-lawyered as she is, can defend her own reputation. The voters of Paddington, Mayfair and Pimlico will have the chance in 1998 to vote out those of whom they disapprove - though on past form Tory dominance in Westminster will continue. Is it all just another PR disaster for

try to sweep up? There is more to Westminster than that. The Opposition will tout Tory ineptitude, yes, but there are bigger issues. For a party committed to cutting government and reducing its power, what Westminster exposes is the extent of the Tories' failure to master the mechanics of government (and there is a warning there for Labour). Lady Porter has been skewered not by socialist legislation or some Labour plot. but a system created and strengthened by Conservative ministers. If she falls, it will be

Take the bespectacled figure of John Magill, now Lady Porter's nemesis. District Anditors were never meant to prosecute Tory councillors. The District Audit Service was established by Neville Cham-berlain in the 1920s to ensure that cloth-capped Labour councillors did not spend too much ratepayers' money. They were intended to do what Chris Woodhead hopes HM Inspectors of Schools will do – swoop down and wield the rod.

By and large that is what the auditors are a killed municipal.

Auditor who killed municipal socialism - and inadvertently helped to make the world safe for new Labour - by surcharg-ing and disqualifying Ted Knight in Lambeth and Derek Hatton in Liverpool.

It was the Conservatives who created the Audit Commission - under the auspices of which the auditors work - to tighten up procedures. And to bring in the private sector. Imagine: John Magill is only an auditor on contract; he works in the City for Ernst & Young, a company grown fat during the Tory years. According to the Tory script, anditors were needed for Camden and Southwark and Labour hig spenders. As for Tory councils, auditors would check the books for trivial hand-in-the-till corruption, then sign off. But when Labour objected to Westminster's annual accounts, John Magili whatever his conservative ts may have

investigate in depth. What he discovered required him to make a powerful indgement on the motives that elected politicians bring to their committees and cabals. To understand what he has done in Westminster, you would have to imagine the National Audit Office arraigning Lady Thatcher for going ahead with privatisation on the grounds that it would create a predisposition on the part of voters to vote Tory.

To her horror, Lady Porter has been put in the dock for wanting,



Westminster decided, according to the auditor's provisional report, to do some social engineering, using the borough's housing stock. In principle, it is what umpteen Labour councillors have sought to do, more or less consciously, by building council estates in traditionally Tory areas. The Cabi-net archives for the early Fifties show that Harold Macmillan had similar thoughts in trying to steer the location of his massive hous-

ing programme. In Westminster, the Porter group sought to get rid of renters and bring in owners. Her sale of council housing was

physically, to ensconce the Tory position in Westminster. In the late Eighties, the clique running late Eighties, the clique running denied access to the flats being sold off and forced (at Westminster's expense) into shortrun accommodation.

The auditor has found - provisionally, at least, until Thursday - that the councildesignated sales policy was contrary to law because it was designed with party advantage in mind. If you ask who made that law, the answer is the Conservatives have authored more than 100 pieces of local gov-ernment legislation during the

past 17 years. Thursday is not by any

his final judgement: he then has to go to court to get a judge ered" after the event hy a hureaucrat (even a privateto make an order of surcharge sector hureaucrat on contract) and disqualification. Magill vs

Porter could run and run. It will run on into the philosophy books as well as the legal texts. Once upon a time, the Tories' intellectual pin-up was Fritz von Hayek, who wrote persuasively about the need to limit government - he was, he never tired of telling them, a liberal, never a conservative. The Austrian would have a problem with Westminster. On the one hand, he would find appealing the idea cracy if applied to Parliament?

of legal restraints on what politicians can do. On the other, the fact that those

would alarm him. Magill has come up with a doctrine that at its starkest says: thou shalt not pursue party advantage in government. It is one that would probably win a hearty public endorsement even if - or perhaps because - taken to its logical conclusion it spells the end of party politics. Many would welcome that result in the town and county halls, but what would it entail for British demo-

# Key players in the Westminster affair

# **Shirley Porter**

Cohen. She became Leader of Westminster Council in 1983 and ruled with determination and zeal until 1991. Always a controversial figure, she gained notoriety after selling the city's cemeteries for 5p each. She has also been criticised after it was revealed that the council housed homeless families in asbestos-riddled tower blocks. The Barratt report found earlier this year that the council had known that the blocks were laden with asbestos since 1982. It spoke of "improper objec-

Heiress to the forume of her risks being overridden". She father, Tesco founder Jack responded from her home in the United States that she felt the report 'utterly disproved the wild and monstrous allega-tion made by the Labour Party that homeless people were deliberately put at risk"

But it is this week's Magill report which contains the ntost serious allegations: that her council planned the sale of council houses in marginal wards to win the 1990 council elections, at an estimated cost to the taxpayer of £21m.

She now lives mainly in Israel, though she has homes in Florida and London.

### Margaret **Thatcher**

Alleged to have been informed of the on-going "homes for votes" plan while Westminster Tories were considering it in 1986. Lady Porter wrote to her: "Unless something can be done, it will be very difficult for us to keep Westminster Conservative".

### Barry Legge

Then Lady Porter's chief whip, now a Conservative MP and a member of the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee. If he is surcharged by the auditor, he might become bankrupt and he forced to resign as an MP, robbing the Government of its majority of



### **David Weekes**

Alleged to have been the third member of a council triumvirate involving Porter and Legg which, the provisional Magill report suggested, master-minded the alleged homes for votes" scheme. Like Dame Shirley and Mr Legg, he faces the possibility of heing surcharged as a result



### John Magill

A senior partner at the top City accountants Ernst & Young. Seconded from the private sector to work as District Auditor. His provisional report in 1994 accused Westminster Council of "gerrymandering" and described council policy as "disgraceful, improper and unlawful".





# DIARY 1



Opera headhunters zoom in on the zoo

My man in the crush bar at Covent Garden tells me that the Royal Opera Hnuse is having a
Götterdämmerung of a time finding a new general director to succeed Jeremy Isaacs next year.

It appears that front-runners such as Brian McMaster (Edinhurgh Festival and ex-Weish National Opera), Anthony Whitworth-Jones (Glyndebourne) and even the ROH's own opera director, Nick Payne, have turned the job down. Others, like one very eminent international opera director, have been told with touching diplomacy that they are not being offered the job, but to stand by in case someone better doesn't turn up.

ln desperation, the interviewing panel (the current chairman, Sir Angus Stirling, his successor, Peter Gummer, and the board members Baroness Blackstone and Sir James Spooner - not a professional npera/ballet figure among them) have turned to a firm of headhunters. Their recommendation? Dr Janathan Gipps, the 48-year-old director of

London Zoo. Dr Gipps is not instantly recognisable as diva-friendly, but perhaps his book The Ecology Of Roodland Rodents may well have allusions to the backstage conditions at Covent Garden.

### A good line in beef, but where's the joke?

How not to handle the beef crisis. A series of brief, easy-to-follow lessons by Lord Lucas, the Government's spokesman in the House of Lords. drawing on his personal experience at a Back British Beef luncheon in Ashford, Kent, hosted by the National Farmers' Union and attended by representatives from every sector of the beef industry.

1. Tell the assembled slaughterers, farmers, renderers and auctioneers all completely mystified as to how the destruction of cattle over 30 months old is going to work, two days into the

scheme - that you know they are confused, but it's "hard cheese, the most important thing is that the scheme is up and running", even if

only on paper. 2. Point out that Ashford has had three cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the human equivalent of BSE. And how terrible it is, just as the 270 guests are tucking into their £16a-head rib of beef.

3. When joking that they have heen expecting Lord Lucan, by misreading the "n" at the end of his name for an "s", remark: "There's someone who knew a thing or two about culling

4. Expect to get a laugh. (It is possible you might be disappointed on 3.)



Secret desires of Labour women

There are some odd secret fantasies to be found in today's issue of She magazine, othere celebrities say which film roles they hanker after. Anthea magazine, othere says it would have to have started in When Harry Met Sally because I; for its making a scene of the fate organia, and there is nothing fake course, as that was the state of the fate organia, and there is nothing fake course, as that was the scene of the fake orgasm, and there is nothing take about Miss. Immer. More believable are the secret desires of two Labour about Miss. Immer. More believable are the secret desires of two Labour women. Clare Short chooses Io, the heroine of Linle Women.—there were no men in the house is shut her my when she spoke out of turns. And Glenys no men in the liouse is shut her my when she spoke out of turns, above left) from Kinnock Mist (above right) chooses Theims (Geens Davis, showe left) from Kinnock Mist (above right) chooses Theims (Geens Davis, showe left) from the film Thems and Linuse, because, she proved how much inner strength the film Thems and Linuse, because the result, I recall, was a brief life of crune followed by salcide. Most encouraging.

### Mad cows and **English** theatre

Mad cow disease does have one virtue. It can be used as the scapegoat for anything. Rupert Rhymes, chief executive of the Society of London Theatres, moans in the Stage newspaper under the front-pag headline 'BSE blamed for West End slump': "We and other organisations are readjusting our projections for the number of tourists coming in this year. Terrorism is a factor in the short-term and so are bealth scares, which are affecting people from mainland Europe. With BSE, they are wondering whether it is safe to eat British food." And there was I. unschooled in the complexities of the tourist and meat trades, thinking there just weren't many good shows on at the moment.

### Drummer gags. You can't beat 'em

The viola players may be the joke section of the symphony orchestra, as I observed yesterday. But I see the world of rock music has its own target, the drummcrs. The June edition of Q Maga-

zine supplies the

top 10 drummer jokes. Example: What's the last thing a drummer says in a band? "Hey guys, why don't we try one of my songs?

In the main, though, it seems to be poor old Ginger Baker (above), once of the supergroup Cream, who has become the fall guy: What is the difference between a chiropodist and Ginger Baker? A chiropodist bucks up your feet. Ginger Baker fans should write to Q Magazine direct.

Eagle Eye

# How to profit from the coming Labour Government

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# I spy with very good reason

Morland cigarettes have long disap-peared, Aston Martin belongs to foreigners, but James Bond is still out there doing his stuff, and sometimes - as yesterday - getting caught. Shaken, but not stirred, some of Britain's finest have been ordered out of Moscow following the arrest of a Russian who was allegedly working for MI6.

Nobody will confirm that any of the diplomats stepping oo to the British Airways plane at Sheremetevo are operatives of the Secret Intelligence Service, of course; nor will Moscow confirm, when Britain responds (as it surely will), that the people climbing aboard Aeroflot at Heathrow are spies. But at least some of them probably will be.

This may all seem like the most colossal waste of time, money and effort. We send out our chaps (and, increasingly, chapesses), they send out theirs, both spend valuable hours opening each others mail, then everybody gets thrown out of the country and we start all over again.

Why spy? With all the information that is so readily available, with the end of the Cold War, with the retreat from empire, why bother with all this expensive non-sense? The answer is that it is not nonsense. If anything, more should have been spent on intelligence over the past decade. It might have helped in the Gulf, in the Falklands and in Russia itself had we understood a little more of what was going on in advance.

But why spy on Russia? Because it still possesses a prodigious military capacity, and uses it in ways that concern Britain (such as its activities in Azerbaijan, where BP has extensive interests). It still has the shility to spring surprises, by threatening to pull out of important arms control treaties, for instance. Its relations with other nations, in particular China and some Middle Eastern countries, are a

matter of concern. Russia is also the source of a large amount of organised crime and money laundering. And Russia, as we have been told by MI6's friends in M15, spies on us (so we spy on them, and so on).

But there is more to this latest incident than the usual "I spy a spy" tango. We are no longer on the terrace of the Casino Royale; this is the post-Cold War world.

The expulsions have been handled in an unusually high-profile way, which means that Moscow is making a heavyhanded point to foreign intelligence agencies and governments: don't mess with us. The Russians are also making a point to their own internal agencies; that good relations with the West don't preclude the smack of firm government, on occasion. And it is also making a point to Russian voters, ahead of next month's election: this is a regime that is prepared to get tough with those rascally foreigners.
The general drift in Russian attitudes

over the past two years has been to reassert the nation's place, opposing Nato expansion, for instance, and playing an increasingly tough game in diplomatic negotiations. Since Yevgeny Primakov took over as Foreign Minister - he was formerly head of the foreign intelligence service - the intelligence agencies in Russia have got something of a new lease of life. Mr Primakov has also started to redirect foreign policy, carving out a new and more assertive role for Russia in the Middle East and Asia.

As the elections approach, and as Russia pulls itself out of the post-Soviet malaise that has hedevilled any coherent policy, that assertive trend is likely to strengthen. We have good reason to worry about Russia. It follows that this is, after all, a good time to be gleaning the best intelligence we can find on its imme-

# MPs need cutting down to size

T t has been a long time since our ancient democracy had a lesson to learn from Spain's recently revived version, but that day has come. Jose Maria Aznar, the comtry's new Prime Minister, has started with the kind of downsizing that many a corporate high-flier would be proud to emblazon on his fuselage. Indeed, Senor Aznar has started at the very top-by downsizing his cahinet to a mere 14 members.

Britain's cabinet has 22 members, all of whom sit down once a week around that grand table in Number 10, or more often in a crisis. Many serve an obvious purpose - Home Secretary, Foreign Secretary, Chancellor, etc. But most of the others are really like the tail end of an international football squad, only really needed when the iniury list grows too long. In reality, fewer than 10 cabinet ministers actually make the big decisions - often as few as half a dozen.

And that team is bolstered by a further 46 ministers of state, mini-ministers and the like, all of whom inhabit tidy little burrows in the Whitehall warren. Over the past decade or so, those ministers have done much to cut down the bureaucrats who serve them, hiving some off into arm's-length agencies and cutting others out altogether. But has the oumber of ministers gone down in similar propor-

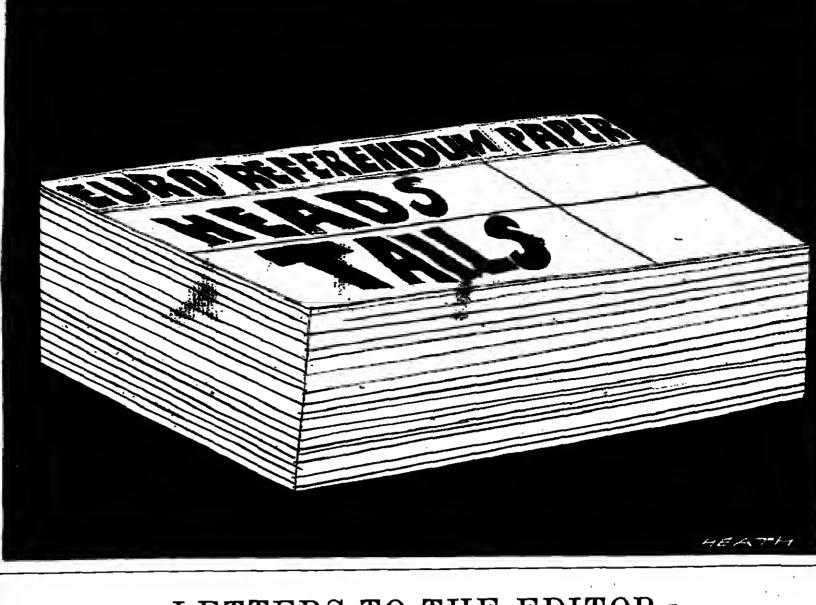
tion? Not a bit. The truth is, most of the smaller Whitehall bag-carriers have very little to do, apart from flatter and favour their departmental boss in the hope of subsequent

advancement. Supposedly, they are in training, or under trial, for one of the big jobs. In reality, however, many of them are having their support bought in return for the odd trip in a ministerial car, and the dubious glamour and kodos of belonging to HMG. Every vote that the Prime Minister manages to lock up on his front benches, and in the whip's office, the fewer be has to worry about keeping on side when things get tough.

It seems like a persuasive argument, until you consider the old advice given by one junior minister to those who followed him, to the effect that there were only two reasons for heing a junior minister: one was to give you a handhold on the greasy pole; the other was to find a good excuse to resign spectacularly, and so make your name for the next government.

So there is precious little case for hav-

ing so many ministers, apart from the fact that you need a good proportion of your side in the Government. Well, there is an easy answer to that: cut the number of MPs. Here is a classic case of modern streamlining. Cut the executive layer and you may soon find you do not need so many down below. We could live with, say, 400 to 500 MPs (against the present 650) and still have plenty of voices in Parliament. And there is an incentive: we may even be able to afford to pay and staff MPs' offices better if we have fewer of them. It is time Parliament started cutting



# • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### Downshifting benefits workers as well as bosses

Sir: In his article "Are you ready to downshift?" (3 May). Stephen Bevan misses the opportunity to give a clear, timely and important message to corporate leaders and concerned employees.

He suggests that downshifting may be regarded sceptically as being driven by business imperatives rather than the desires of the workforce.

In my professional capacity, as an expert in corporate change, I hear an increasing demand, particularly in the banking sector, for more reasonable working hours and an" end of needing to stay late, often without justification, for fear of falling victim to "the first

### Tender price is not everything

Sir. Paul Gosling ("The cheaper, the better", 1 May) reported Sir Paul Beresford's and the Department of the Environment's intentions concerning the present compulsory competitive tendering

step to push councils to award tie merit into account and that it ing the emphasis from quality to price", this will severely compromise the procurement of quality professional services where precise tender specifications cannot be prepared and the method of delivery is of paramount importance to

ensuring quality of public service. But Sir Paul, as Environment Minister, should already know just how important quality is. His department produced that excellent discussion document Quality in Town and Country, promoted enthusiastically at seminars attended by his Secretary of State, John Gummer. Let us hope that the DoE adopts compatible and integrated policies on the environment and associated professional services procurement so that we can really celebrate the millennium.

DAVID YORKE Chairman Royal Institute of British Architects, Northwest Region Knutsford, Cheshire

one seen to leave will be the first downshifting to create a flexible one asked to leave". Employers have focused for

too long simply on getting more out of their people, rather than more out of the "man hours" they are paying for. Downshifting is an option worth serious consideration, for at present many employers do not feel valued, their selfesteem is damaged and inevitably their performance has suffered.

The article rightly stresses the importance of developing selfesteem and psychological wellbeing, along with a sense of trust

I firmly believe that business needs, and workforce preferences, can both be well served by using vide significant employment

and committed workforce. JEREMY GLYN

The Self-Esteem Network,

London, SW6

Sir: A survey from the Federation of Small Businesses highlights the disturbing phenomenon of the jobiess recovery". More than 82 per cent of small firms plan to create no new jobs in the next three months, in spite of appar-

ent economic recovery.

Many employers claim that increased deregulation and flexibility enable them to hire people more easily. Yet the economic

growth tells us not to expect any new jobs. Although official unem ployment figures have shown a fall over the past few years, that trend may be on the turn.

Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, has said Britain is forging ahead in job creation "because the right conditions exist for companies to flourish". A genuine recovery has to include job creation. Companies cannot truly "flourish" in a society where increasing numbers of people are in under-pro-tected, insecure work or have no prospect of employment at all.

JO GARDINER The Industrial Society London W1

other people pretending to has been pointed out many times.

But if we are to have silly rules, there is no reason not to apply

them across the board. Is her point

not really that it's all right to have

the young watching violence in highbrow drama because the only

ones who will want to are our own,

nice, middle-class children who

can be trusted to resist its baleful

CHRISTOPHER CAMP

Amersham,

# . Why give Shakespeare a licence to shock?

Sir. I must take issue with Polly be anything other than an 18 we yet is deemed too worms to watch Toynbee ("Old enough for the A director has a choice as to other people pretending to has bloody Bard", 30 April). Why should Shakespeare be placed in some special category over and above all other playwrights, nov-elists and scriptwriters whose work finds its way into film? I am quite sure that the British Board If "the DoE [takes a] decisive of Film Classification takes artismore out-of-house work by shift- was borne in mind in awarding Richard III a 15 certificate. A film featuring graphic violence and explicit oral sex (even off

of 'apartheid'

Sir. The forcible separation of a Zulu child from the only family he knows and loves ("My Zulu hoy was legally abducted", 6 May), presents us with the incongruity of apartheid now being officially applied in Britain after having been dismantled in South

Africa. Ever ready to level the charge of hypocrisy at Britain, the hardline right wing of Afrikaner nationalism can be expected to make full use of the signal this outrage transmits to Africa and the world.

PS KELLETT Kinlochewe. Ross and Cromarty

how be or she will portray the violence and sex that a script demands. They can be as unnecessary in an adaptation of a classic play as of a blockbuster - look at Jarman's Edward II. The name of Shakespeare or Marlowe or Ian McKellen cannot somehow magic away the harmful effects (if any) of on-screen violence.

Polly Toynbee's article does influence? help expose the absurdities of the current system. The fact that a 16camera) would not normally year-old can legally have real sex

### Zulu boy a victim Fragile revival in Bosnia

Sir: 1 have just returned from a visit to Bosnia, where Feed The Children has been operating throughout the war and is still working hard.

There are visible achievements in Bosnia. Thanks to I-For, the armies have been separated and are in their barracks, and there are signs of a gradual return to normal life. It is now possible to travel freely the length and breadth of the country, as I have just done. With the coming of spring, people are busy digging, ploughing and sowing crops, and there is much

house-repairing going ou. But an immense amount remains to be tackled. Ethnic hatreds persist. The armies are

still there. Factories are in ruins.

### Tax law and pension funds

Sir. Following the article "NAPF chief proposes to end tax free nest eggs" (3 May), I wish to clarify NAPF's position in regard to changes in the tax treatment of retirement lump sums and investment income. In most UK schemes, the current taxation system provides advantage for the scheme members at the point of retirement whereas an improvement in the tax treatment of investment income would usually pass on to the employer. That could be inequitable.

The current regime is entirely defensible because schemes invest heavily in UK equities and the current combination of ACT and mainstream corporation tax, where both are payable, results in an effective tax rate of 16.66 per cent on distributable earnings. Even before the iniquitous change in 1993, dropping ACT to 20 per cent, the effective rate of tax was 11.11 per cent. It is wrong to claim that pension funds are truly tax free. In essence we pay tax on part of our investment income and it is therefore entirely justifiable that part of our benefits are tax-free. NAPF has not proposed any changes to this structure, nor does it intend to.

TOM ROSS Chairman National Association of Pension Funds Limited London SW1

Buckinghamshire minefields are everywhere. Many

thousands, not least children, are living in the most miserable The wounds need time to heal. It would be tragic if all that has been achieved by Dayton and I-For, which is costing millions,

were to be thrown away through a premature slackening of international concern. A particular focus must be the restoration of schools and kindergartens, many of which have been damaged, often destroyed. Success would help to produce the "peace dividend which is badly oeeded. MARTIN EWANS

Chairman Feed the Children Reading, Berkshire

### Vacuum at the political apex

Sir: It is eotirely appropriate that your leading article (3 May) which attacks Michael Howard's judicial abuses is adjacent to the Letters section, which includes comments about the lack of democracy in London and Mohamed al-Payed's interest in wide-ranging consti-tutional reform. While the Independent's criticism of the Home Secretary is to he applauded, it should place his misdemeanours in the proper cootext. Calling the Government arrogant misses the point. The question all of us should be asking is, how can they keep getting away with it? The answer, as Mr Fayed has realised, is that there is nothing

to prevent them. Supporters of the monarchy argue that it does not matter that the head of state is unelected because be/she does not have any power. There is a political vacuum at the apex of our democracy. The only check on government power is the judiciary itself a self-appointed clique and supra-national bodies.

Wide-ranging constitutional reform, such as that outlined by Mr Fayed, needs to be implemented as soon as possible. ANDY WHITE

### Red beef is safe to eat

Sir: This nightmare of pan about beef and the resultant of policy (report, 2 May) which w not get rid of BSE is caused confusion due to the use of the word "beef" in all official proci mations.

"Beef" includes meat produc on the one hand and the re meat on the other. It is vital important to understand the the red meat of BSE-infecte cattle has never transmitted th disease in any of the extensiv experiments carried out over th years, whereas the brains an cords ("specified offal") - which still go into meat pies, pates tinned items and stock cubes -

This, after all, has been our experience over the centuries with the original disease in sheep - scrapie: we have caten scrapieinfected red meat with impunity because we were never forced willy-nilly to eat sheep's brains. Unlike cattle brains they were never removed from the skull to be added to our "meat products".

The assumption that muscle tissue must be infected since it contains nerves is neither supported by facts nor is it in keeping with other "slow virus" discases of the central nervous system in which the disease process stops short at the surface of the spinal cord and never

involves the peripheral nerves. In other words, we could live with BSE, as we have done with scrapie for centuries, as long as we are not forced to swallow infected material in meat prodticts. Our message to the world should be: "The red meat of British cattle is safe."

H C GRANT FRCP Neuropathologist Edinburgh

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Sir: Which is less justifiable, the ritual slaughter of sheep for religious reasons (report, 29 April), the carcasses heing eaten, or the slaughter of tens of thousands of cows for commercial reasons, the carcasses being incinerated?

Societies truly compassionate towards animals would not so readily accept the condemnation of sheep slaughter, which at least conforms to deeply held convictions, while accepting the proposed massacre of bealthy cows on the basis of commercial pressure hut equivocal scientific evidence about bealth hazards.

A compassioonte society would not accept that the only reason for a cow to live is to yield

Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health The Medical School University of Newcastle upoo Tyne

### Railway for sale

Sir: You report ("Row over Railtrack's 'lost millioos' ", 30 April) that Railtrack may need £11ho spent on tunnels and bridge repairs over the next 10 years. Buying shares in Rail-track is a hit like buying a second-hand car off Arthur Daley, except that the scale is more grandiose

FRANK HOPWOOD

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# Appliance of science to stripy bow ties

Ever since Melvyn Bragg started being interested in science and having lots of scientists oo his Start the Wick show, lots of ordinary people have started being interested in science and asking scientific questions that they have never asked before, such as, "Why are there so many scientists on Start the Week and, statistically speaking, is it against the odds to have so many, especially geneticists, on the programme?"
The trouble is that there is nowhere

the ordinary person can turn to in order to get the answer to this sort of scientific questioo, as you will know if you have ever tried ringing up the Start the Week office, which is why I have today hired Dr Vernon Goldtooth, professor of science and media studies at Milton Keynes University, to answer all your science-oriented queries. Take it away, Vera!

Even spring the earth is laden with

blossom from countless cherry trees, not to nuention those strange sickly greenyyellow flowers from the springtime sycamore tree. Every autumn the earth is laden with the falling leaves, whirling down dead and discarded by the first ficrce winds of numb-fingered Novem-ber. What I want to know is: Is the earth heavier in spring and autumn because of all this deposited stuff from trees? Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: What



### MILES KINGTON

a ridiculous question, and may I also advise you to go easy oo the asso-nance? The answer is no. The total weight never changes because a leaf weighs the same whether it is on the tree or on the ground. You might as well say that when people travel to the sun for their holidays, the transference of all these people changes the weight distribution of the planet and makes it heavier in certain places. Well, does it?

Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: No, of course it bloody doesn't. The nor destroyed.

Who says so? Everyone says so.

weight of the planet never changes because matter can neither be created

Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: I say so. Every reputable scientist says so. Go on, then - prove it.

Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: No. 1

principles every time he had a discussion, we would never get anywhere. All right, then - if matter cannot be created or destroyed, can ideas be created and destroyed? Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: In

Well, in the way that ideas become fashionable for a few years and are then exploded. Are they literally exploded? Are they destroyed? Fashion ideas, for

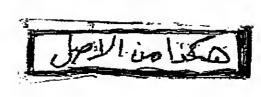
Dr Vernou Goldtooth writes: Ah. no - fashion ideas are never destroyed. they always come back again. However ridiculous they seem at the time, whether flared jeans, black berets, odd-coloured socks, stripy bow ties or T-shirts saying "Che Guevara". They

always come round again.
What about ideas discussed on 'The Moral Maze' on Radio 4? Aren't they destroyed during the discussion? Or at least left very badly damaged?

Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: Ah, but The Moral Maze is not a programme about ideas. It is a soap opera about four or five people who can't stand each other shut up in a room together. The interest lies in seeing who gets on whose nerves. The other day I came home and my wife said: You should have heard The Moral Maze today - Martin Bell, who was won'tl If a scientists had to prove basic one of the witnesses, rounded furiously on Dr David Starkey, and Starkey hardly spoke again in the rest of the programme!" I asked her what they were arguing about, but she could hardly remember the ideas involved - what had struck her was the personal relationship. You see? We only think it is a discussion programme because it has a name like The Moral Maze. Name-changing changes the oature of the object.

I don't think I quite understand. Dr Vernon Goldtooth writes: Oh, it happens all the time. Since Fein, for example, have always denied any connection with the IRA, which rather strains credulity, so the Ulster Union-ists rather withly have recently taken to referring to Sinn Fein as "Sinn Fein/IRA as if there were no difference. Similarly, John Prescott has recently started referring to Dr Brian Mawhinney as MISTER Mawhinney, as if Mawhinney were not a real doctor, which indeed he isn't, any more than Mr fan Paisley is. It may be only a coincidence, but the fortunes of both Sinn Fein and Brian Mawhinney have

gone down since then. Got any questions you would like half-answered? Then send them in to Dr Vernon Goldtooth! And don't forget - Dr Vernon Goldtooth would VERY much like to be invited on to 'Start the Week'.



Educational maintenance must be reformed to allow opportunity for all, argues Gordon Brown

There is one clear objective to the review of public expenditure on in our city centres and housing estates. when they attack me is as offensive as young people over the age of 16 that the Labour Party has announced. It is to break the vicious cycle where poor educational qualifications breed unemployment, poverty and social

In the 1990s, every young person should have a skill and qualification.

And they should all have work or training. Making sure every individual has a stake in education and employment demands a national crusade for change in which tough choices will have to be made so that we use our resources efficiently and equitably.

Britain still has one of the poorest records among all our major com-petitors when it comes to young peo-ple staying on in higher education. And we have one of the highest pro-portions of children leaving school at 15. The latest former returned that 30 16. The latest figures suggest that 30 per cent leave with no qualifications or inadequate grades at GCSE, deprived of the skills a modern econ-

The costs of wasting the talents of a lost generation of young people are We see them in unemployment, social division, the loss of economie

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Look around London or any major city today. More than 25 per cent of young men under 25 are without a job. Many of them have never worked in their lives. In London, up to 60 percent of young black men are without work. If we do not act now on behalf

of those who have been shut out and

excluded, we will face decades of

social division - a vicious circle of dole, alienation and social conflict. The costs of doing nothing are far greater than the cost of taking action. For, at the worst extreme, young people, feeling abandoned and forgotten, drift into crime. One-third of crimes are committed by those under 21. As a nation, we end up spending as much on the costs of crime committed by the under-25s as the Government does on

youth training. The present system is falling. And the people who lose most are the peo-ple who are already disadvantaged. Eighty per cent of the sons and daughters of the unskilled still leave school at 16. Some go on to college, but most disappear from full-time education for

So for Peter Lilley and John Major

their suggestion that poverty no longer exists. To paraphrase John Redwood, and apply his words to the prospects for thousands of young people, "no change means no chance".

As I said in my John Smith Memorial lecture, meaningful equality of opportunity must be more than some pass-fail event at 16 which defines suc-

Making New Labour's priorities count demands hard choices

cess or failure for ever. Equality of opportunity must mean recurrent, lifelong chances for education and employment - and a clear duty on gov-ernment to belp make this possible.

Old-style equality of opportunity provided a ladder that only a few could climb. A modern definition of equality of opportunity must be a broad highway that people can join throughout their lives. It must mean the continuous creation and re-creation of educational and employment oppor-tunities for all - second, third and fourth chances to succeed. It cannot mean a young person being denied education after 16 because of poverty.

The status quo is not working. And one reason is our unfair and chaotic system of financial support. Even for those lucky enough to be offered col-lege places after 16, there is an untidy and inequitable patchwork of provision. Some receive grants, some do not. And, whatever the Government claims, child benefit does not persuade sufficient numbers of school pupils to

This embarrassing patchwork of educational maintenance must be reformed. Maintenance grants can range from £20 a week to 90 pence or nothing at all. Help has little in do with need, more to do with where you live and whether you can afford to stay on

anyway.

So we must be bold. It is to persuade more people to stay on at school and achieve greater equality in education that Chris Smith, David Blunkett and I are carrying out our review into the financing of post-16 education – a review agreed by our Economic Policy Commission.

Child benefit will, of course, remain universal for children up to 16-where it is universal at the moment. But it is not universal for young people from 16 10 18 and never has been. Only half the mothers of 16- to 18-year-olds receive it, and they tend to be from wealthier families. The mother of an unemployed 16-year-old loses it; the mother of an Etonian sixth-former

receives £1,500 over three years. That is why we need change. One option is to upgrade child benefit into a national educational grant for those who need it. Our aim is to make it possible for more to stay on at school or

sible for more to stay on at school or remain in education and ensure that every young person has both a skill and a chance of a job.

Making New Labour's priorities count, I have always said, demands hard choices. Anyone who believes that New Labour is about soft options. or easy answers has misunderstood modernisation. And tough choices are needed most of all to solve just about the toughest problem of all – the waste of the talems of a lost generation.

The writer is Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer and Labour MP for Dun-

in a certain sense, by Germany".

in the grand politics of the EU. But that is clearly nonsense. We are imquestionably one of the "big three";

and if we left, the balance between

protectionist olive Europe and free-

trading herring Europe (of which we are part) would shift.

It is quite possible that the EU

would turn more protectionist, as the

anti-free trade mood continues to

build in different parts of the world. To regard the new free-trading order

as firmly grounded and irreversible is

wrong; the challenges to the free flow of goods from an authoritarian China,

for example, will be numerous. Some will be couched in burnan rights terms, some in terms of the need for envi-

However they are couched, though

France and her followers in the EU

have a history of successfully stifling

sons. If Britain had left the EU and

was gleefully parading her lack of social legislation and her ability to

devalue as part of a strategy to drive

deeper into French markets, who

really believes that nothing further

would follow? We are a little more

important, and a little more threat-

ening, than Norway.

We shouldn't, therefore, see the beef ban only as a tale of federalist fail-

ure; we should see it as a warning. Out-

side the EU, we would have even less

leverage. Our absence would make it

easier for protectionist instincts on the

Continent to reassert themselves. And

if they did, there would be nothing we

could do. That is one of the political

consequences of withdrawal that need

conmental standards.

It suits both native Euro-phobes and lofty continental politicians to pre-tend that Britain doesn't weigh at all

# on top, boys

More men have now complained about sex discrimination in jobs than women. Glenda Cooper commiserates

Co 1996 is the year that men Ifinally went out and burnt their boxer shorts. Slammed by the Child Support Agency, emasculated by feminists, emotional and confused men are fighting back for equal

rights.
Yesterday, the Equal
Opportunities Commission
confirmed that complaints from men were up 10 per cent on the previous year and - for the first time in its 20-year his-tory – it has had more com-plaints about sexism in job recruitment from men than

So all those endless pub harangues with blokes whinge-ing that "a woman will always be chosen for a job in front of man" weren't merely selfpitying whines into the bottom of beer glasses. They were a

statistic.

Men now face a 10.5 per cent unemployment rate com-pared with women's 4.3 per cent because the traditional heavy industry jobs-for-life bave disappeared. But men's forays into the previously female-dominated areas of child care, nursing and hairdressing have been largely

unsuccessful.

The EOC is currently celebrating a £2,500 out-of-court settlement for a male nurse refused a job with the RAF. Another case included a bricklayer who was refused a job as a secretary in case he was reluctant to make tea. And two men were aggrieved enough to go to the EOC after they were turned down for the Women's Environmental Network, an organisation that campaigns, among other things, on mensionation.

Yes, it's clear. Women are on the rise and men can't do anything to stop it, poor things. Every week another story of male subjugation seems to develop. New Man bas given way to Redundant Male, and boy, do we hear about it.

It's not just leading propo-nents of the British men's movement such as David Thomas (the author of Not guilty: in defence of the modern man) who are bringing men's plight to our attention. It's everywbere.

A report by the think-tank still do two or three times the Demos spoke gloomily of "male underachievement in schools", of the absence of fathers' rights and of the unhappiness of divorced men (72 per cent of divorces are now initiated by women; and 51 per cent of divorced men later said they would have pre-

ferred to stay married.)

By comparison, the "gen-derquake" - the rise of women's social and economic power - found four out of five women between 16 and 35 wanting to develop their career or find employment, and only half seeing having children as

a goal.
So we women, the first generation after the Sex Discrimination Act, have got it all - the career, the optimism, the success. Wanderful.

But that's only until you realise women's and men's rate of pay can differ by as much as 27 per cent while doing the same job. And while women form 44 per cent of the workforce compared with 37

New Man has give way to Redundant Man, and boy, do we hear about it

per cent 20 years ago, their greatest inroads are in part-time, low-paid jobs. Women who take a break to bave a baby find it hard ever to catch with their male counterparts,

And while men bave overtaken women in complaining about sexism in job recruitment, only a quarter of sex discrimination complaints inside the workplace come from men (and are mainly to do with internal promotions and differing entitlement ages

for pensions).
So men, who may bave feared letting women into the boardroom would result in hundreds of Disclosure-style harassment, can rest easy. They are unlikely to encounter Demi Moore clones wherever they turn. Nor are they likely to summon up much sympathy from women when they complain about another EOC case where a male country club receptionist was sacked by employers in that's positive discrimination,

they can keep it. And feminism hasn't meant that women can have it all. The Demos report reveals women amount of cleaning as working men, and still take primary responsibility for child care.

So don't believe men have suddenly got the monopoly on being oppressed. Grow up, boys, equality in the workplace, for male secretaries or female welders, is what we should all be striving for.

# Beef isn't the burning issue

There is an economic argument for Britain leaving the EU, but it ignores the political reality



### ANDREW MARR

We are dreaming of other Europes, other Britains. When Norman Lamont, the first mainstream Tory openly to address the possibility of leaving the European Union, raised the idea at the Tories' 1994 Bourne mouth conference, it was denounced by the Prime Minister as fantasy. Less than two years later, the idea is cours-ing through a great swathe of his party. This counter-revolution is in full flood.

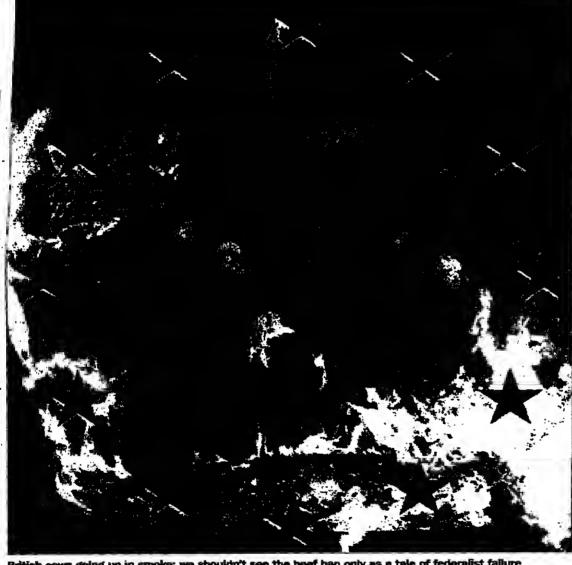
Today's controversy over the beef ban is merely the latest local skirmish in something much bigger. More important by far is the suddenly popula pargument that Britam general is being impoverished by her membership of the EU. This has the power to change everything.

Before, the anti-European case was largely about sovereignty, while the pro-European case was all about prosperity. No contest: offered the choice between the romance of political independence and greater wealth inside 'Europe", the down-to-earth British would always plump for faster-grow-ing living standards. Our affection for Parliament has never been as deep as

parliamentarians think. But if this argument now reverses itself, so that people believe the way to enrich themselves is through withdrawal, then the lip-smacking prag-matism that has underpinned British Europeanism suddenly disintegrates. The great project stands naked. All the accumulated irritation about invasive bureaucracy and popular xenophobia can be unleashed. And we are nearly there; this is an important moment for

the nation. It's true that the economics of British membership are more finely balanced than before. As world trading tariffs have fallen to about 3 per cent, the comparative advantage of being inside this particular trading bloc has fallen. Britain, an economically struggling country, pays around £3bn i year into EU coffers. Compared with he Asian economics, Enrope is growng slowly. It has expensive levels of

rocial protection.
These are the big facts on which the conomic case for British withdrawal s being constructed. The vision is of in entrepreneurial Britain that lacks he social costs and labour laws of the Continent but which, as a member of be European Economic Area, enjoys ill the trading benefits of today. It is heady thought: Britain as a giant offhore Hong Kong, exploiting those



British cows going up in smoke: we shouldn't see the beef ban only as a tale of federalist fallure

hage mainland markets but entirely free of the political and social shack-les of the neighbouring union.

Think of it. No single currency arguments. No more interference with our historic right to produce inedible sausages and gunk-filled crisps. Our fishing fleet free to sail the empty waters around our coasts. Our politi-cal destiny safely in the bands of John Major, Bill Cash, Michael Portillo. Parliament free to do whatever it wants to us without outside interference. Perhaps we could go the whole hog and withdraw from the European Convention on Human Rights while we're about it: unshackle Michael Howard, say I. And all of the above is based, remember, on the new "heads we win, tails they lose" economics of

But the trouble with such macroeconomic projections is that macroeconomics doesn't exist. It is an and the homeless, the lost and the a north-east group more in favour abstraction from one kind of human -lonely, by offering them a single, all- of free world trade and headed, a grimy island Gomenghast.

relationship, which gets the future wrong because it forgets changing politics and social behaviour. That was true of the burst dream of the Thatcher-Lawson boom. It was true of the subsequent Conservative promise of a teelgood factor, now about four years overdue. And it is likely to be true of optimistic Tory projections

about EU withdrawal. The withdrawal case makes two beroic assumptions. The first is that outside Europe, we would be changed - changed niterly - and thrive. But our problems are too deep to be laid at the doors of Brussels. I keep thinking of an attack on Scottish nationalism made by an economist a few years ago, who accused Scottish intellectuals of "spinelessly abandoning their obligation to speak truth to their society. Of warping our history, of cruelly deceiving the unemployed and the herealess the local and the

weather explanation for their plight: England." Substitute "Europe" for 'England" and that encapsulates aspects of the anti-Brussels crusade.

The second assumption is that the involvement of the UK in the EU does not affect continental poblics at all; that Europe would act the same way without us and could accommodate us as a trading partner as easily at it accommodates Norway's 4.3 million people or Switzerland's 6.9 million. We have a trading deficit, after all, and free trade enriches everyone. Surely our economic ties would be unaffected?

A shrewder assessment of the grand politics of the EU was the one written in 1994 in a paper for Germany's Christian Democrats. This described a fault-line running diagonally across the Continent. It divided Mediterranean countries "inclined to pro-tectionism" and led by France, from

to be set alongside the economic cal-culations described earlier. But pro-Europeans, including those who, like me, want a looser, confederal union, should go further and admit that there are domestic political reasons for remaining inside. This is an argument about the future shape

of the country, not just about trade.

A Britain that pulled out would be likelier to remain politically centralised, dominated by the doctrine of parliamentary absolutism and determined on minimum social protection in order to maximise the economic benefits of independence.

Because this would represent the triumph of a style of conservative English nationalism much resented north of the border, it would probably belp to drive Scotland away. That, in turn, would push the English counter-revolution further. We would become a retrocountry. It is not a pretty thought. Though withdrawal is described as leading inexorably to the rebirth of a coce-great trading nation, it sounds to me more like a way of turning us into

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# Better Johnners' tie than Jackie's pearls

Ruth Dudley Edwards looks forward to a cricket lover's auction trance about village greens and warm beer and the sound of willow on leather and the blacksmith hitting the Johnners' mysterious and bereaved the broadcasts the moderate the proadcasts the proadcast the proadcasts the proadcast the proadcasts the proadcasts the proadcasts

Lave you heard about the John-ners auction?" I asked my hostas excitedly. Una looked blank. "Brian iohnston," I said, "Brian Johnston. The ricket commentator." She shook her acad. I was momentarily baffled and lisappointed, for Una never misses my references and always shares my joys and sorrows, but then I recollected that I was, after all, visiting Ireland, my native land, where mostly they think of

ricket as an insect. it was one of those defining moments; a kind of Norman Tebbitt cricket test in reverse - a moment when the people from whom you sprang realise that you are no longer one of them. For Una was as baffled and stummed by my excitement as I had en by her ignorance. "You really have become very English," she said. And I had to agree. You have to be a pretty well assimilated immigrant to go into a John Major-like, misty-eyed butcher for six. And, indeed, Brian Johnston.

I know Irish people who loved John Ariott but could see no charm in Johnners and his BBC commentary box playmates Blowers and Boil and Sir Frederick and his "Och-goshwhat-a-scrumptious-chocolate-cakefrom a lady-listener in Chipping-Camden" babble. But I did, so the viewing of Johnners' cricketing memorabilia that opens at the auctioneers Phillips in London today makes me simultaneously sad and happy.

Sad like Mr Major, who remarked after Johnners' death two years ago that "summers will never be the same again" (leaving me and, I suspect,

cham, Summers). Happy, for a world in which a great international auctioneer expects serious bidding for each of Johnners' 250 cricket ties is a world that still has innocence, perspective and a love of England that has nothing to do with jingoism or racist louis. Those who allege that Fingland has lost its soul and fallen victim to American cultural imperialism should contemplate the moral and cultural gulf between the Jackie O and Johnners auctions - the one suitable only for the venomous pen of Thuran Capote; the other for the merry typewriter of PG Wodehouse.

There will be no hysteria and little greed at the auction on Saturday, and support for grassroots cricket, young

interrupted for cucumber sandwiches at lunch and for tea and cake at 4pm. And if it might seem silly to pay an estimated £150 for an MCC tie belonging to a happy, much-loved entertainer, surely it is bealthier than paying \$211,500 for false pearls belonging to a woman whose major achievement was to many the rich and famous? The Johnners collection includes

scorecards, commentary notes, Wisdens, photographs, books, prints and cartoons. And when those lots have been snapped up, there will be a sale on behalf of the Brian Johnston Memorial Fund (set up to continue his

tributed by friends and colleagues. They were asked by Mrs Johnners for beadgear: Geoffrey Boycott, in his boulevardier persona, contributed a signed Panama hat; Ian Botham - ever the individualist (or did he read the letter hastily?) - sent a bat (signed and miniature) rather than a hat. The sale ends with cricketalia for the discerning collector: tour diaries. Varity Fair prints, an 1870 Wisden. WG

players and the disabled) of items con-

Grace photogravure, oleograph and pub tables, and a 1905 autograph album put together by a Nottinghamshire committeeman. Saturday will be a day when good Englishmen and true can feel the spirit of Johnners all about them and

pretend that in Grantchester the clock is still at 10 to three, honey is indeed on the tea menn and the rumour that Jeffrey Archer lives in the vicarage has turned out to be unfounded.

# William Colby

The last of the great spymasters, William Colby contrived in his later years to appear as a normal person rather than a shadowy figure burdened down with the nation's secrets.

Shortly after his retirement as CIA director in 1976 I literally bumped into him coming out of the Century Club in New York. He was donning his raincoat and a hat, but underneath this espionage garb was a pleasant and gracious man. His autobingraphy. Honorable Men, had just been published and he was briefly a celebrity and, perhaps, more open to someone he had never met stopping him in the street and asking to talk about Soviet missiles. That is what he did. I'm not saying he told me any secrets; he didn't. I just wanted to note that he could be approachable in a way his more furtive colleagues such as James Angleton never were. It seemed that he was try-

ing to be more open. Colby began his 30-year espionage career during the Second World War as a member of Major-General J. "Wild Bill" Donovan's Office of Strategic Services. He was dropped behind enemy lines in Germanoccupied France and Norway. where he blew up railroads, joined resistance networks and led groups of underground fighters. Recently, at a spies' reunion. Colby recalled the first time he parachuted into France in 1944. "We established contact with London and started gathering resisters. We taught them how to mine railrnad tracks and destroy hridges. We tried to get a Panzer division to fight us instead of going on to Normandy. We held them up for three weeks. You can't get a Panzer division to stay very long with three men and a bunch of kids. When President Harry Tru-

man dishanded Donovan's "Wild Boys" immediately after the war the Central Intelligence Agency quickly replaced it as the permanent espionage service to counter the KGB.

ranks and was most active during the Vietnam war, when he hecame Saigon station chief and then chief of the agency's Far East division. He steered the infamous intelligence operations that now belong to another distant era - the strategie hamlet programme, the coup against Diems, the CIA's world-wide anti-Communist cultural, labour, student and media covert missions. He was at the centre of the secret war in Laos and the disastrous Vietnam Pacification Programme and the so-called Cords (Civil Operations and Rural Development Supports), including Operation Phoenix, which was intended to destroy rural sup-port for the Communist guerrillas and led to sweeping

tion of suspects. He was director of the CIA from 1973 to 1976, a time when the agency came under intense scrutiny over its dirty tricks from the media and Congress.

arrests, torture and the execu-

Colby rose swiftly through the lts more outrageous operations were brought somewhat to heel. After Vietnam, Colby was in charge when the spy agency helped overthrow President Allende in Chile, and, of course, he was head of the CIA under President Nixon during Watergate. He was fired by President Ford and returned to a law prac-

tice in Washington DC.
In Honorable Men he strove to put a corporate face on "the company", analysing the socompany, analysing the so-called "three cultures" of a Cold War spy operation – the James Bonds, the political and paramilitary activists, and the analysts who read books and

that filled the central part of Colby's CIA career. He was sent to Saigon first in 1959, and was CIA director when Saigon fell in 1975. In his memoir of Vietnam, entitled Lost Victory (1989), Colby joined a long list of other officials such as Robert McNamara, who tried to retrace their steps and salvage some-

It was the war in Vietnam

American policy in South East Asia. "If only they had taken my advice" is the standard lament



in these works, and Colby was no exception. Most of these accounts contain little new pertinent information. Colby's line was that victory

was within grasp after the pacification programme (the one he directed), but was thrown away

thing from the wreckage of by wrong-headed policies - for his view of the evacuation mainly inadequate levels of military aid. His book was viewed by the

harshest critics as more a compilation of government press releases than a serious attempt to analyse the American adventure in Vietnam. In one passage, Colby asserted that "on the ground in South Vietnam, the war had been won" by 1972 - mainly as a result of the pacification programme. Colby was an unrepentant professional; no remorse for him.

He could not bring himself to admit the extent of the failure that has been so well documented, nor the implications of the corruption rife in the Saigon government. His military overnew also left out the key factor. While the South Vietnam forces had withstood a big nffensive from the North they had lost bases and taken such high casualties that some divisions had not recovered by the time the end came in 1975.

Colby was also taken to task cheering on the boys in their

under-cover, modern espionage of Saigon and the fate of the CIA station's employees who were left behind. Colby treated too lightly for his critics the charges that many who should have been helped were abandoned and that sensitive documents incriminating them were also left behind. In a 1977 book, Decent Interval, a former CIA officer, Frank Snepp, claimed that 70 Vietnam trans-

Colby admitted only that "many who should have been helped to depart were not, but many others were". In the end, Colby tried hard to accept CIA reforms but found it as difficult as any of

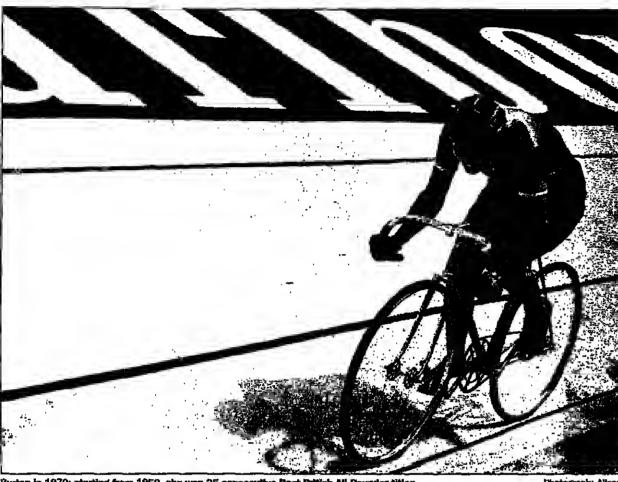
lators and their families were

by new rules - especially to account for agency actions before Congress. In one of his last appearances, a year ago, among old campaigners. Colby was still

fight against terrorism, organised crime, drugs and the secret development of nuclear weapons. Good intelligence, he said, can replace "ignorance, lear and suspicion with knowledge and confidence". In other words, so far as he was concerned "the company" was still in business and there was much work to

Peter Pringle

William Egan Colby, lawyer and left in one CIA compound. overnment official, born St Paul, Minnesota 4 Ianuary 1920; At-taché, American Embassy, Stockholm 1951-53, Rome 1953-58, First Secretary, Saigon 1959-62; Head, Far East Division, Central Intelligence Agency 1963-67; Ambassador, Director of Civil Donovan's "Wild Boys" to be Operations and Rural Developreined in and expected to play ment Support, Saigon 1968-71; Executive Director, CLA 1972-73. Director 1973-76; married 1945 Barbara Heinzen (three sons, one daughter), 1984 Sally Shel-ton; died Cobb Island, Maryland



Burton in 1970: starting from 1959, she won 25 consecutive Best British All-Rounder title:

# **Beryl Burton** the age of 39, at all three dis-

No other British sportswoman has dominated their field in the way that Beryl Burton dominated the world of cycling. As Velo Gotha, the Belgian-published bible of cycling facts and figures succinctly puts it: "She was the best known and most successful woman cyclist."

In the course of a career that spanned five decades, the fiercely competitive Yorkshirewoman won seven world titles -two road race champinnships and five track pursuit titles-and 96 national titles - 12 road race championships, 13 pursuit titles and 71 time trial titles against the clock

Although she won her last tities in 1986 and in recent years was dogged by ill-health, she was entered to ride the national "10" mile championship next weekend. Some habits are hard to break. Time trialling, racing against the clock over a set distance, was Burton's speciality. It as solitary discipline, both mentally and physically taxing. Starting in 1959, Burton won 25 consecutive Best British All-Rounder titles, awarded to the fastest woman against the watch over 25, 50 and 100 mile distances. Along the way she set time. McNamara's distance of port that allowed her to con-Photograph: Allsport speed records, some in 1976 at 276.52 miles in the same event time her racing career after Harrogate 5 May 1996.

tances, which still stand.

Cycling, at least in Britain, is not a rich sport, and Burton

worked throughout her life in order to support her ambitions. Asked in the 1980s why she con-tinued to ride prodigious distances every week and race against women half her age, Burton hluntly replied "be-cause I like cycling". She was a true amateur in that respect, loyally riding throughout her career for Moriey CC.

Button supervised her own training, rode the races she wanted and had little to do with the sport's governing bodies. But her achievements were impossible to ignore and she was awarded an MBE in 1964 and an OBE in 1968. Despite such recognition Burton never felt that either the local or national press properly appreciated her efforts.

She may have had a point since, when she was at the peak of her powers, she regularly beat the men. In 1967, she overtook Mike McNamara in an Otley CC 12-hour time trial on her way to setting a women's record of 277.25 miles in the set time. McNamara's distance of

was itself a new men's record. When Burton overtook men during a race, they could always expect a quickfire witticism or word of encouragment. When

nonchalantly offered him a liquorice allsort. The next year, in 1968, she set a women's 100-mile record in a time of three hours and 55 minutes. It was the fourth fastest ride over that distance in Britain by any rider of the time. Such feats in another, more popular sport would have

she overtook McNamara she

recognition. Burton's involvement with the sport that dominated her life came about by chance. Her first job as a teenager was in a tailoring firm in Leeds where she noticed a young man make a clicking noise as he walked across the factory floor. This was Charlie Burton and he was wearing cycling shoes with met-

earned Burton world-wide

al cleats on their soles. She married Charlie when she was 17 and he remained in the backgroud throughout her

daughter Denise was born in

Denise herself grew into a powerful cyclist, representing her country at international level. Relations between mother and daughter became difficult as they emerged as racing rivals in the 1970s. After Denise ousprinted Burton in the 1975 national road race championship to take the title, her mother refused to shake hands with her on the podium. As Burton explained in her 1986 autohiograhy, Personal Best, the race was the culmination of a series of acrimonious rows: "this is not a story for some romantic magazine, it is a real life narrative about basically ordinary people with jangled nerves and emotions, our hitter conflict played out in an almost gladiatorial fashion.

An emotional reconciliation followed, though the two women were never bound together by their love of the sport in the way that Burton had wanted.

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Beryl Charnock, cyclist: born Leeds 12 May 1937; MBE 1964; OBE 1968; married 1954 Charlie Burton (one daughter); died

# **Ivo Jarosy**

For more than 50 years, the Academy Cinema in Oxford Street was London's pre-eminent art house. It was here in the Thirties that British audiences first saw major films of Jean Renoir and Marcel Carné, and where, in later years, the reputations of Ingmar Bergman, Andzej Wadja, Satyajit Ray, Jean-Luc Godard, Miklos Janeso and many others were largely established in this country. The Academy's fastidious standards were maintained by a succession of just three people. The last of these was Ivo Jarosy, who reluctantly closed

the cinema in 1986. Jarosv arrived in England in 1938 and became a publicist at the Academy, working for the formidable Elsic Cohen who had inaugurated its art-house policy. His stepfather, George Hoellering, was a director of the cinema and ran it after the war with Jarosy as his right-hand man. Jarosy's meticulously compiled press releases helped many a reviewer unravel the complexities of the often difficult and challenging films that the Academy liked to show. He also worked closely with Peter Strausfield who created linocut images for the Academy's distinctive posters (the cinema refused any existing artwark), and commissinned the silkscreen designs that appeared af-

ter Strausfield's death. Hoellering and Jarosy would visit the major festivals and for many years bought films for their own releasing subsidiary: but their affer of an Academy run would be enough for other British distributors to acquire a picture. Many films that are now regarded as classics, such as

Ray's Pather Panchali and Jan-club, in place of adjacent offices audience was getting old and sco's The Round Un were daring choices that opened British eyes to the work of new directors. In fact, Pather Panchali was owned by a rival specialised cinema which was reluctant to show it.

The Academy demanded an exclusive run for every film it booked, and even rescued British and Hollywood films that were on the shelf, most notably Ken Loach's Kes in 1970. As Jarosy recalled in an interview he gave for the Winter 1994/5 issue of the magazine Picnare House, "Kes was probably the higgest financial success we ever had. We said to the distributors, 'Look, we think it's a wonderful film. Why don't you put it on at the biggest cinema you can find?' They said it wouldn't work. 'Why not?' 'You need subtitles, you can't understand what the people are saying! And they said, 'We don't think so.' The press, of course, went crazy over it."

Inevitably, the Academy relied heavily on the support of the critics, who did not always encourage audiences to see its choices. If a film was doing bad-ly, there were old classics to be hrought back in sparkling new prints (it was always reviving Les Enfants du Paradis as if to make up for the fact that this was one of the films it did not premiere in London). And many will gratefully recall the regular summer seasons of silent Buster Keaton comedies and Laurence Olivier's Shake-

spearean adaptations. In order to show more films, especially those of very limited appeal, the Academy added a small cinema, initially run as a Jarosy: art house cine

in 1964, then the following year created a third mid-size auditorium in the hasement. It never became the most comfortable of venues, but the striking red mock-curtain decorative scheme of the main auditorium walls, created by Angus McBean in 1954, set the tone for scrious deliberation of the film on screen. McBean also designed the Pavilion Restaurant,

curable fault, it lay perhaps in the supporting shorts which were, of course, carefully chosen but seemed too often on the ponderous side. After Hoellering's death in 1980, Jarosy kept the Academy going through what had become, after so many years of success, difficult times. Jarosy recalled: "In the last ten years of its existence, we subsidised

the best attached to a West End

cinema. If the Academy had a

Mr Scobie Breasley, jockey, 81; Miss

Michael Hopkins, architect, 61; Lord

Kirkhill, former Lord Provost of

potter, 85: Mr Calum Macdonald MP.

40; Sir Neil Macfarlane, company di-

Aberdeen, 66: Mr David Leach.

the late programmer and critic John Gillett. Jarosy always seemed the the running of the Academy by about £1.5 million, from the most courteous, patient and considerate of men in his husimoney from the letting of offices ness dealings. During my inin the building. It was getting worse all the time. Our faithful terview he rememhered his delight in 1956 when the Academy was offered Elia Kazan's film of Baby Doll by puzzled Wardour Street executives who shamefacedly withdrew it after

had seized the initiative.

ment, reading poetry and watching old film favourites on

television but never succumb-

ing to video. I last saw him on

the Monday before his death

when he attended the Nation-

al Film Theatre's tribute to his

old friend on the festival circuit,

Allen Eyles Ivo Rudolph Jarosy, film ex-hibitor: born Berlin 9 November

1921; married 1952 Joan Grant

(two sons); died London 1 May

being apprised of its sizzling

box-office potential. I reluc-

tantly excised the anecdote and

amended several other com-

ments because he feared they

made him seem "smug and ar-

rogant" at other people's ex-

The story of Peter Swales, who didn't like going out any more at night. And any film shown in died three days before Manchester City lost their place in a specialised cinema was going the Premiership, and of his former partner Noel White, is to show up on television after a shorter and shorter interval. worthy of Thomas Hardy. The two men formed a small busi-And, of course, as far as our sitness (radio and hi fi) at exactuation went, it was never very good for a cinema. Leicester ly the right time - in the carly Square and its approaches are Sixties - when technological the place for West End cineadvance and rising affluence mas." But Jarosy's tastes had met, for a buge market to be perhaps aged with him and crested. Their prosperity gave newcomers like the Lumière the partners the time and money to indulge in a hobby, in Jarosy enjoyed his retiretheir case a local football club,

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Altrincham. Their knowledge, enthusiasm, hard work and choice of managers, turned Altrincham from nobodies into one of the leading clubs outside the Football League.

In nearby Manchester the two big clubs, United and City, were not far off parity. Would United ever recover from the loss of Matt Busby's shrewdness and wisdom? Could City, the major club pre-war, overtake them again? The essential difference lay in the boardrooms: United managed to keep any friction to themselves; City, the more friendly and open club, kept their heart on their sleeve. At Maine Road, a majority shareholding became available in 1973. City's directors want-

ed someone with money and preferably with a knowledge and love of football. One director rang me: "Did I think White and Swales might be interested?" I telephoned Swales and put the question to him. There was a pause and he replied "Yes. I think I would". I passed on the City director's number only

vaguely aware that history might be being made.

**Peter Swales** 

Swales: belief that Manchester City could be bigger than United

In recent years it has become fashionable to denigrate Swales. While Noel White went into the hotel busines and from there to the Liverpool Board and chairmanship, Swales applied fierce energy to two ambitions: first to put City ahead of United and second to win a personal position of power within the game.

He achieved the second but the first proved beyond him, and in his impatience to succeed he appointed and sacked 11 managers, many of them good choices. While he was a generous supporter of the managers in their transfer dealings he could interfere. Malcolm Allison, City's most prodigious spender, relatively, on transfers, always maintained that nne of Swales's most extraordinary deals, the signing of an almost unknown Wolves midfielder Tony Daley for the then phenomenal sum of £1 million,

was done behind his back. Allison had agreed a much lesser fee with the Wolves' manager and had turned his attention elsewhere while Wolves waited for boardroom ratification. Swales, according to Allison, intervened on a chairman to chairman basis and secured the transfer instantly but at a much higher price.

Thus it would be fair to say that no manager felt entirely se-cure with Swales. The situation might never have become threatening, however, but for the arrival of Alex Ferguson at Old Trafford. City, who for a decade had had the pick of local promise, found a reconstructed United with them on every school and youth club touchline. Ferguson also used United's greater financial resources to better effect in the transfer market as he rebuilt Busby's empire. The pressure for such success at Maine Road grew heavier almost daily.

White had risen with Liverpool to unparalleled success and Peter Swales, football adminisclimb through the ranks of the FA until he became chairman of the International Committee,

the body that controls the England management. The choice of Graham Taylor to succeed Bobby Robson was greeted, at the time, with almost universal approval, but the honeymoon did not last. When Swales found a man-

ager who might have taken City back to the summit, Howard Kendall, he soon lost him to Everton. He did find another, Peter Reid, who showed promise, but the progress wasn't fast enough and Reid had to go. a decision that Swales admitted afterwards was a mistake.

And when United started to win again on a regular bias, the support at Maine Road became increasingly challenging, confrontational and hitter.

Once Francis Lee, a City hero of the 1970s and millionaire businessman, had expressed an interest in taking over City, Swales's days were numbered. His boardroom position was still sound, but the violence of the attacks by fans, at Maine Road, and against his family, eventually persuaded him to stand down although he retain ed his position with the FA.

City offered him the privileges and perks of a life presidency but he never returned to Maine Road. City's relegation, last Mon-

day, would have twisted his heart. Peter Swales died unswerving in his belief that Manchester City could be a higger club than United.

Swales's consolation was a trator: born Manchester 25 December 1932; married (three daughters); died Manchester 2

### DEATHS

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Marshall MP. 55; Sir Basil Nield, for-mer MP and High Court judge, 93; Teresa Brewer, acress and singer, 65; Lord Briggs, historian, 75; Mr Peter Carey, author, 53; Sir Charles Cum-Dr Tony O'Reilly, chairman, presidenl and chief executive, H.J.Heinz, and rugby player, 60; Mr Richard ningham, former senior civil servant, O'Sullivan, acınr, 52; Mrs Ruth 90; Professor Alan Cuthbert, Master Prawer Jhabrala, author, 69; Mr of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 64; Sir Reay Geddes, former chair-William Pybus, chairman, Home-owners Friendly Society, 73; Mr Christopher Saunders, Headmaster, man, Dunlop, 84; Professor Robert Goodden, architect, 87; Sir James Lancing College, 56; Sir Arthur Gowans, former Deputy Chairman, Snelling, former diplomat, 82; Miss Medical Research Council, 72; The Elizabeth Soderstrom, soprano, 69; Right Rev Robert Halliday, Bishop Mr Clive Snley MP, 57; Mr David nf Brechin, 64; Mr Robin Hanbury Tomlinson, actor, 79; Sir Alan Traili. Rennison, explorer and author, 60; Mr former Lord Mayor of London, 61; Michael Hawkes, former deputy chairman, Kleinwort Benson, 67; Maj-Gen Henry Woods, Vice-Lord Lieutenant, North Yorks, 72. Sir Lenox Hewitt, industrialist, 79; Sir

> Anniversaries Births: David Hume, philosopher

rector and former MP, 60; Mr David ing, poet, 1812; Inhannes Brahms composer, 1833; Peter Hyich Tcharkovsky, composer, 1840; Ra-bindranath Tagore, poet, 1861; Josip Broz Tito, President of Yugoslavia, 1892; Gary Cooper (Frank James Cooper) film actor, 1901; Maria Eva Duarte Peron (Tharguran) Argentia Duarte Peron (Ibarguren), Argentina leader, 1919; Anne Baxter, actress, 1923. Deaths: Caspar David Friedrich, landscape painter, 1840; Henry Peter, First Baron Brougham, statesman and lawyer, 1868; James Nasmyth, engineer and inventor of the steam hammer, 1890; William Hesketh Lever, First Viscount Leverhulme, soap millionaire, 1925; Paul Doumer, French president, as-sassinated by the Russian Paul Gor-goutov 1932; George Lansbury, leader of the Labour party, 1940; Max Miller, comedian, 1963; John Mas-ters, novelist, 1983. On this day: the first Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, opened in London, 1663; HMS Vicand historian, t711; Robert Brown-

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tory, Nelson's flagship, was launched at Chatham, 1765; Greece was proclaimed an independent kingdom, 1832; the Conard liner Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine, 1915; the qualifying age of women voters was reduced from 30 to 21 (the "Flappers' Vote"), 1928; Neville Chamberlain resigned as Prime Minister, 1940; Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, 1945; the Vietminh captured Dien Bien Phu from the French, 1954; Leonid mev became chief of state of the USSR, 1960. Today is the Feast Day of St Domitian of Maestricht, St John of Beverley, St Letard or Lindbard

Lectures

Leicester University: Professor Alan Nelson, "Atheism, Sodomy, Necromancy: from the 17th Earl of Oxford

and Saints Serenicus and Serenus

to Christopher Marlowe", 4.30pm. University College, London: Professor Mary Fulbrook, "The Presence of the Past: national identity and German history", 5.30pm.

National Portrait Gailery: Frances Homan, "Royal Favourite: George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham" 1.t0pm.

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, "May-be (i): Giordano A Homage 10 Velazquez", 1pm.

British Museum: Jack Phillips, "Axum, capital of a lost empire".

Kaye Webb

A service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Knye Webb MBE will take place at St Martin in the Fields. Trafalgar Square, at 3pm on Tucsday 21 May 1996.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Queen Mother visits Cynthia Spencer House, Northampton Committee of Can-cer Relief Macmillan Fund, to mark its 20th Anniversary. The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, attends the 40th anniversary dinner of the Tiger Club at the Naval and Military Club, 94 Piccashly, London Wt. Princess Margaret, President the tion wt. rymeess Margaret, rresign, are Rayal Scotish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attends the Annual General Meeting at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Edinburgh, Princess Alexandra opens the William Mooris Endibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensvactoria and Ameri Museum, South Kens-ington, London SW7. The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Oversens Thate Board, visits GKN Westland Aerospace, East Cowes and visits Pilanus Britism-Nor-

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# Brewers look beyond ale in order to quench the City's thirst

The first round of the brewery Joseph Holt of Manchester, a hotels, off-licences and the profits season gets under way this week. At one time they were lively affairs with a host of brewers rolling out their results; interims in the spring, finals in the last three months of

Takeover action has, however, decimated the once plentiful ranks of the beerage. But, although their numbers have been reduced, the surviving brewers are, mainly thanks to their thirst for acquisitions, a much more powerful breed than the veritable army which once rushed to slake the City's

The days when brewers were cootent to merely produce beer are long gone. The giants have ventured far and wide for profits with the old-fashioned approach of just brewing beer and owning pubs largely the preserve of some big regionals, like the Wolverhamptoo & Dudley Breweries, and the smaller independents, such as

brewer which has for long been inclined to miss the beer party by producing figures outside the generally accepted confines of the season.

Whithread, kicking off the season tomorrow with year's figures, is an example of what was once a beer and pubs group which has stretched into other leisure areas. It embraces coffee houses,



David Lloyd sports centres as well as a string of eating establishments from the Beefeater pub/restaurant chain to the US style TG Friday. Beer production now represents only 15 per cent of operating profits and if Bass does manage to acquire Carlsberg Tetley it will be a distant third in the beer rankings with some 13 per

cent of the market. It insists, however, it intends to stay loyal to its brewing heritage and remain a force in the industry. At the height of the bruising

£3.9bn struggle for control of the Forte catering and hotel group, Whitbread underlined its ambition to be a rounded leisure operation with a £1.05bn deal to buy Forte's budget hotels and roadside restaurants. Granada's stun-ning victory ended the Whit-bread dream. Still, the speed with which it

made the Forte strike showed



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Stock market reporter

of the year

the brewer had the capacity and desire for substantial acquisitions. Not surprisingly, then, ru-mours have since linked it to an assortment of possible buys, ranging from the Pelican restaurants chain to the motorway service areas that Granada has been ordered to

Dermot Carr at Nikko, the Japanese investment house, is looking for profits of £279m, up from £255m. For the current year he is ou £314m. He believes Whitbread will produce consistent growth and the shares, selling at 18 times forecast earnings, are worth buying. But Whitbread, like other

brewers owning pubs, could be unsettled next year by the

umpteenth investigation into the industry - another European Union affair.

The worst scenario for the brewers is the EU probe into block exemptions will result in the destruction of the tiedhouse system, forcing brewers to sell (or free) their pubs. Whitbread and the other

big brewers have already been forced to unload 11,000 pubs following the Government's controversial Beer Orders. If all brewers, big and small, had to live without the cushion of the tie it would spell disaster for the smaller independents which the Beer Orders were intended to help. After the initial industry upheaval the big brewers would be in an even more

powerful position than now. Vaux Group, the regional brewer, also reports this week - interim figures on Thursday. It, too, has spread from its traditional business - into hotels

and oursing homes. Swallow Hotels is one of the country's leading chains and likely to have provided much of the growth with group profits expected to emerge at £13.5m against £12.4m. Its oursing homes venture has not had the same success and Vaux has put its 35 homes on the market with a £45m price tag. The group intends to devote the proceeds to its hotels and pubs.

Last week Greenalls, a similar company to Vanz until it gave up brewing to concentrate on hotels and pubs, sold its mursing homes for £68m to

Bupa.
Allied Domecq, the drinks group likely to retire from brewing and Bass, bidding to overtake Scottish & Newcastle to become Britain's top brewer, check in with figures later this a profits fall, its first in its 22

Two oil giants overshadow this week's beer flow. Today British Petroleum produces first-quarter figures. A beneficiary of the strong crude price its net income should surge to. say, £580m against £464m. Oo Thursday, Shell's quarterly display will be rather more subdned - £1.220m against £1,280m.

J Sainsbury, the superstores iant which has suffered from intense competition, is another in retreat; year's profits tomorrow are, believe NatWest Securities, likely to be £750m, down more than £50m. The group has been out-marketed and out-manocu-

vred by Asda and Tesco and has

lost market share, particularly

among younger customers, leaving it with an ageing cus-

It has already prepared the a January warning it will suffer

years as a quoted company. Others in the results frame

include Scottish Power which is likely to offer £420m against £357.3m. Interims are due from Royal Bank of Scotland (£297m expected against £270m), and Tate & Lyle (£158m compared with £152.8m). BSkyB with first-quarter results should make £72m (£49m).

Chiroscience, one of the high-flying biotechnology babes, reports today and should have details of its signalled £40m cash call. Its shares were around 130p a year ago; recently they touched 588p on excitement about possible arthritis and cancer compounds. Then a warning of the impending rights issue calmed the frenzy which than 300p in less than two days. Like other bio habes, it is a long way from making money. It announced a £9.2m loss last year and more red ink, per-

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# **BoE** offers to broker Eurotunnel settlement

**Business Editor** 

The Bank of England has told Eurotunnet's tead bankers that lt is prepared 10 help broker a settlement with the rest of the company's 225-strong lending

The Bank's offer to step in came as fears grew that a requirement for a unanimous vote by the syndicates could prove one of the biggest obstacles to signing and sealing an agree-ment to rescue Eurotunnel.

Even on the assumption that the lead banks reach a settlement with the company in ne-gotiations that have started this week over £8.1bn of debt, a single maverick bank among the rest of the 225 could wreck the

plan by voting against it. Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation was nearly brought to its knees when a single bank held out against a financial rescue a few years ago.

The move reverses the Bank of England's present policy of leaving the Eurotunnel crisis to be sorted out by the company and its bankers, with the help of the French central bank and Treasury. Since Eurotunnel appointed mediators under French law the focus of negotiations has shifted to Paris, leaving the Bank in a back seat.

The Bank is not thought to have offered to step into the top level negotiations under way between Eurotunnel and a group

tts intervention is aimed at elping these lead banks sell any deal to the rest.

the banks.

Under the plan now circulating, the Bank would follow the pattern of its previous in-

role in persuading lenders to agree the £1.6bn rights issue and deht refinancing announced

which was in dispute with the

One insider described the Bank's proposed rote as "hetp-ing to show a minority of banks that preservation of value for the banks as a whole is worth more than individual self-interest". On past precedents, the lead banks will almost certainly have

to amend the terms as negotiations with the rest of the syn-

There are, however, reports of continuing disagreements among the lead banks, which are believed to have put forward a swap of up to £3.5bn of debt for 49 per cent of the equity as an option in the talks. Another proposal is a revenue bond securing part of the tunnel's cash for

volvement in Eurotunnel, which has usually been to bring home the banks' votes once a top levet deal has been reached. The Bank played a crucial

two years ago.
The Bank also brokered a settlement between Eurotunnel and TransManche Link, the consortium of contractors

company over cost overruns.

dicates progress.

One risk is that the syndicates



Banks beware: Patrick Ponsolle, the French co-chairman of Eurotunnel, has been 'too strident in backing shareholders'

dividual banks or groups of banks holding out for special favours. Another more technical problem is that some banks may have been taken over or have sold their loans to others.

Meanwhile, attempts by some banks to press the Eurotunnel co-chairman, Sir Alastair Morton, to quit ahead of the negotiations appear to have faded. He and Patrick Ponsolle, the French co-chairman, are seen by

holders, who must also approve a rescue. A group of shareholders said

esterday they were considering legal action against the banks under French bankruptcy law, claiming the banks were acting as "shadow directors" and effectively running the firm. Other potential claims were for excessive lending and misrepresentation, they said.

some banks as pushing too stri-dently for the rights of share-holders' association said he was

"extremely unhappy" about the proposed 49 per cent debt for equity swap and he said the banks should write off two thirds of their debt, to reflect its price in the secondary market.

Christian Cambier, chairman of another group, Eurotunnel Shareholders' Association, proposed the banks should take up to 50 per cent of the capital at a share price of 30 francs, comparable with what shareholders had paid in the first place. If it

the current share price - he would prefer bankruptcy to the banks' debt for equity swap. Meanwhile, Eurotunnel said

Le Shuttle carried 154,522 tourist vehicles in April and 5,372 coaches, a 60 per cent increase on a year earlier. Freight increased 88 per cent, with 42,689 trucks carried. But British and French railway traf-fic through the tunnel was unchanged from March. Eurotunnel shares fell FF0.05 to FF5.65 in Paris.

# Lucas confirms talks of possible link with Varity

JOHN WILLCOCK

Lucas Industries is in "pre-liminary talks" with Varity Corporation of the US which could lead to a link-up between their car brake divisions or fullblown merger of the two

A merger would create a global auto parts maker with a market capitalisation of nearly £3hn and sales of

The announcement was prompted yesterday by weekend press speculation that Lucas was planning to merge its foundation brakes husiness with the anti-lock braking sys-tems manufactured by Kelsey-

Hayes, part of Varity. Lucas emphasised that "discussions are in a very early stage and there can be no assurance that any agreement will be reached

The talks could mean Lucas has given up on its previous efforts to buy Carlo de Benedetti's 30 per cent stake in Valco, the giant French car components maker. Lucas refused to

The company will also need soon to find a successor to George Simpson, who steps down as Lucas chief executive next autumn. One name in the frame is John Towers, who resigned as head of Rover last

The talks with Varity are seen by analysts as another sign of global consolidation in the auto parts industry, increasingly dominated by a few main suppliers.

buyer for its aerospace division, for the car after market. The company has annual sales of about \$4.5bn.

Sumpson's revival strategy is seen to be still incomplete as far as most City opinion goes. Components companie on a merger binge. In February, AlliedSignal of the US agreed to sell its anti-lock and hydraulic-hrake business to

German conglomerate Roberts Bosch, for \$1.5bn. The business is consolidating pretty rapidly these days," said Ross Seymore, an analyst with First of Michigan Corporation in the US. He added that the industry was moving toward having a few hig suppliers for each system, such as brakes, wheels or interiors. These would have the resources to follow big car makers in their ex-pansion world-wide. Lucas's shares last traded on

Friday, falling 5p to 208p. Varity's businesses include VarityKelsey-Hayes, the world's largest maker of rear-wheel 🖫 and four-wheel anti-lock braking systems. Its VarityDayton-Waither unit makes wheel and brake components for trucks and trailers.

Varity had sales last year of . \$2hn. Its other businesses include VarityPerkins, a mak-er of diesel engines, and VarityZecal, which makes copper-to-ceramics bonding products used for electronics.

Lucas supplies parts and systems to the auto and aeroace industries and makes disc and drum brakes for auto makers world-wide. Its car disc hrakes are the most widely used in the world, it says.

Lucas also makes diesel systems, electrical and elec-Whether the talks succeed or trouic systems for the auto not, Lucas will still seek a industry and replacement parts

# US utilities set to bid £1.7bn for Midlands

MICHAEL HARRISON

Two US utilities are set to launch an agreed £1.7bn hid for Midlands Electricity today, rekindling takeover fever in the power industry. The US bid from General

Public Utilities of New Jersey

and the Cincinatti-based Cinergy is expected to be holding is showing a £57m pitched at around 430p a share. profit but could net PowerGen night, however, that a third ed hid battle develops. US power group - Houston Industries - could yet mount a counter-offer provoking an all-out hid battle for Mid-

PowerGen, whose £1.95bn hid for Midlands was blocked two weeks ago by Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, could be pivotal to the

The generator has a 21 per cent stake in Midlands acquired at the time of its original offer last September. The There was speculation last as much as £100m if a contest-

Separately PowerGen is expected to decide in the next two days whether to apply for a judicial review of Mr Lang's decision to block its hid.

a judicial review.

One source said: "We want to understand why Mr Lang reached the decision he did, what the ground rules are for the future and at what stage

Mr Lang ignored the advice of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by blocking the Midlands deal and National Power's £2.5bn hid for Southern Electric arguing they would

One option for PowerGen is have created unacceptable quite closely and remains keen to sell its Midlands stake to the vertical integration of electric- to buy a Rec. The company is highest bidder but still opt for ity generation and supply. GPU, the latest suitor for

Midlands, is capitalised at \$3.8bn and owns three electricity suppliers in the eastern US - Jersey Central Power and Light, Metropolitan Edison there will he sufficient compe- and Pennsylvania Electric. It tition in generation to allow us has a turnover of just under British electricity supplier to be to buy a regional electricity \$4bn and made after-tax profits of \$352m last year

Houston Industries bid unsuccessfully for Norweb, the electricity supplier for Northwest England, last year, but it is known to have been watching developments since then

valued at \$5.5bn and generates and supplies electricity to more than 1.5 million customers on the Gulf Coast of Texas, making it the ninth-largest US electricity utility.

If the latest bid for Midlands succeeds it will be the third acquired by a bidder from the United States

The Southern Company of Atlanta Georgia bought South Western Electricity for £1.1bn last year and Central and South West, also of Texas, bought Seeboard for £1.6bn.

# Black 'ready to increase stakes in Fairfax when law permits'

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Conrad Black is still intent on raising his stake in Fairfax, the Australian media company, despite rampant rumours to the contrary, a senior executive

We intend to raise our holding when and if we are permit-ted to do so," Daniel Colson, vice-chairman of the Telegraph group and Mr Black's senior lieutenant, said yesterday. "All these rumours that we are pre-

Through the Telegraph group, Mr Black holds 25 per cent of Fairfar, the maximum permitted under Australia's media crossownership rules. The new gov-ernment in Canberra has holders of the Elegraph group. promised to review the restric-As part of the ES. 70 a share of tions in coming months.

pared to sell are just not true."

Fairfax has been a takeover target for more than two years. Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation holds a 5 per cent stake, while local media baron Kerry Packer has a 17 per cent holding. All three media com-

interested in taking control.
Rumours that Mr. Black might be prepared to sell were sparked by his recent offer to fer, Mr Black's Hollinger International said it would share with Telegraph investors any profits from the sale of the Fairfax stake at a price of more than

panies have said they would be

\$3 a share. Pairfax is one of the country's largest media groups.

# Lloyd's finds an extra £900m for names

PETER RODGERS

A extra £900m has been found for hard pressed Lloyd's names as a result of a re-evaluation of the financing needs of Equitas, the reinsurance vehicle that is central to the market's rescue. The surprisingly large reduc-

tion in the cost of funding Eq-uitas is the biggest boost that David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, has had so far to the prospect of persuading names to vote in favour of the rescue plan. Together with other additional contributions from hro-

kers, agents and the sale of buildings, which could total as much as £400m, the original £2.8bn rescue package could be improved by at least £1.2hn. This witt atlow Lloyd's to write to names shortly - prob-ably next Friday or Monday -



incentives to vote in favour of the rescue, provisionally on 15 July. One likely change is a halv-ing to £50,000 of the proposed £100,000 cap on future liabilities of names for further losses. once they have signed up to the offering them substantial extra

The timetable is thought to be slipping, however, because of the extra work involved in refining the settlement. Without a vote in favour by the end of August, when Lloyd's must prove it is still solvent, there would almost certainly be a collapse of the market. There will be other benefits offered in next weekend's letter. It will include concessions

for names who have paid their losses as demanded, for the hardest hit who have won legal actions and for those who are suing accountancy firms. The number of names eligible for payments by the market is also likely to he expanded from the present 5,000, though

the number would reach 6,000. The reduction comes after detailed negotiations between market authorities and the Department of Trade and Industry.

# Hongkong Telecom aims for stronger Chinese ties

The Hong Kong rumour ma-chine is buzzing with speculation that Hongkong Telecom will soon find a new partnership, following the collapse of merger talks between Cable & Wireless, its majority shareholder, and British Telecom.

The Hong Kong company's heavy reliance on China's goodwill, following next year's takeover of the colony, also suggests that HKT will be looking to reinforce its commercial des with Chinese entities.

This view was reinforced last week when the British-controlled Swire Pacific ceded its regional DragonAir airline to the state-run China National Avia-Lloyd's would not confirm that tion Corporation and gave over a 25 per cent stake in Cathay Pacific airline to China's leading in-vestment company, the China

International Trust and Invest-

Heavily reliant on Chinese regulatory decisions, Swire was seen as buying a huge amount of political insurance. HKT is equally reliant on

Peking for the continuation of its profitable international network monopoly and has already moved to buy political insurance by furnishing Citic Pa-cific, the locally listed arm of Citic, with a 12 per cent share-

However, this may not be enough. Citic Pacific may find it difficult to raise the cash for taking an even larger share of HKT's equity but there are other Chinese entities which could be brought into the company. C&W is already working closely with China's ministry of posts and telecommunications

and they have formed a joint company, Great Eastern, to

pursue telecommunications opportunities in China. The ministry could well take a share in HKT through another

corporate vehicle or C&W could pursue its links with the regional authorities in the bor-dering Guangdong province where there is another joint venture providing mobile services. Should a direct link with a Chinese entity fail to materialise HKT has the option of closer co-operation with one of the three Hong Kong companies that have established rival domestic networks following par-tial deregulation of the industry

All three companies are con-trolled by tycoons with close

At the moment HKT's strongest alliance is with New World. The two companies in-tend to co-operate in the provision of mobile services.

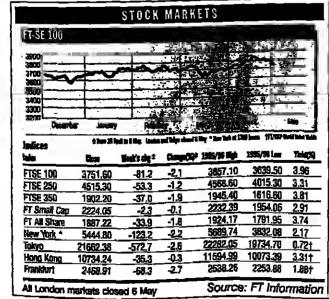
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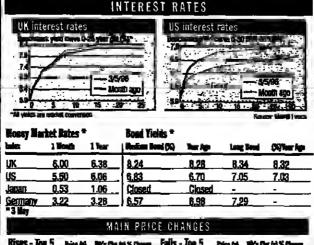
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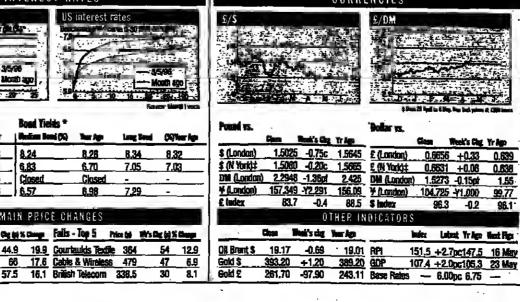
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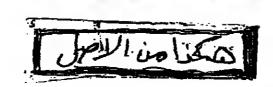
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# Blair may trip up facing the Tories' fiscal abyss

The next government, of whichever inflation, which might as well be held at a low political complexion, faces the problem rate, since there is nothing to be gained from talk of higher general taxation well before the treated as totally invariant. A research the forced to search for new jobs, even at the of overcoming the power of two parallel revolutions - one in economic thought, the other m political behaviour - which are tying the hands of democratic politicians throughout the world. Unless their grip can be loosened, a Blair government might prove a brief in-terlude between lengthy periods of right-wing rule, however determined the Conservatives may be to split over Europe.

Macro-economics changed forever when the academic consensus decided that, in the long run, unemployment and inflation are independent of each other. The beginning of the end came with the 1968 presidential address to the American Economic Association by Milton Friedman. This, perhaps the most important speech on economics in the post-war era, said that governments could only boost output and jobs at the expense of ever-accelerating - not just high - inflation. Since no society could ever accept everaccelerating, or indeed ever-decelerating, inflation, the remorseless force of logic implied that the only level of output which could he sustained was that uniquely associated with stable inflation. This rate became known as the natural rate, though there was never much natural about it.

This may all sound arcane, but consider the consequences of this single powerful assertion. If it is true, then governments can no longer be held responsible for unemployment, at least through mistakes of macro-economic management. Their sole | It still looms. If Tony Blair and Gordon | macro task becomes that of controlling | Brown have half the political nouse I think |

rate, since there is nothing to be gained from allowing prices to rise more rapidly.

The so-called trade-off between jobs and inflation, the very meat and drink of political debate in the Keynesian era, shrivelled up and died. And in consequence, economists started arguing that the control of inflation could safely be left to technocrats, independent central bankers who were one step removed from the political process. This, and many of the other mantras of post-Thatcher orthodoxy, basically stand or fall by the Friedman proposition. Monetary or inflation targets, PSER objectives, mediumterm plans - all of these were direct descen-

dants of that speech in 1968. For a while, though, people continued to argue that there were still choices to be made about the size of the state, and the burden of taxation. John Smith's disastrous shadow budget before the 1992 election, was based on that principle. But this approach ran into a political revolution every bit as potent as the economic revolution that preceded it.

No longer was the electorate willing to support any political party which promised to raise the overall tax burden, though it would not support serious proposals to reduce the size of the state, either. The prospect of a democratic state forever frozen in aspic, with no party ever willing to risk either higher taxes or an assault on the

talk of higher general taxation well before polling day. But with no more tax and no more borrowing, what are they left with? A reallocation of spending programmes, reflecting different political priorities from the Conservatives? Certainly. New measures to encourage long-termism in industry, and greater incentives to invest, leading to higher long-term GDP growth rates? That, too. Better ways to manage the public services without spending money? Possibly. But quick results in terms of output and obs? Nobody dares promise that in 1996. The economic revolution prevents the use of demand management to increase GDP growth. The political revolution prevents the use of higher taxes to finance extra public spending. Yet the public demands growth in public services well in excess of GDP growth.

A bit of wriggling room in this strait jacket is essential. Clearly what is needed is more economic growth, as Gordon Brown has recognised with his legitimate focus on boosting long-term investment. But this is unlikely to produce measurable results until well into a second Labour term. In the meantime, there is the small problem of

A recipe for political discontent on an epic

ensuring that there is one. This means boosting economic growth during the first term to ease the fiscal dilemma, and it means doing this without raising inflation, even temporarily. But how can this be achieved? First by recognising that the Friedman be treated as totally invariant. A research paper published recently by the US economist Laurence Ball (NBER Horking paper No 5520) asks a basic question: Does the experience of a variety of developed economies in the 1980s suggest that the huge rise in the natural rate of unemployment seen in that decade was crused by structural supply side factors, or by the decline in demand which was needed to bring inflation down?

According to the Friedman proposition, the whole of the rise in the natural rate should have been caused by the former, not

But that is not what Ball finds. Instead, he discovers that demand factors played a key role in the rise in trend in unemployment, with rather less explanatory power being left for structural labour market factors.

hat alone is slightly encouraging, because I it suggests that the same process may just work in reverse, with a prolonged period of gradually rising demand pressures possibly reversing some of the increase in the natural rate. But more interesting is Ball's discovery that one structural factor in the labour market - the duration of social security support for the unemployed in each spell of joblessness - interacts powerfully with demand factors to explain the rise in the natural rate. The implication is that a drop in demand initially creates the unemployment, but that long lasting state support for each jobless person then translates this into a permanent in-crease in the natural rate. Without this state be forced to search for new jobs, even at the cost of accepting lower wages.
This no doubt sounds callous, but the pre-

sent alternative of consigning the unem-ployed to the permanent hell of life on the welfare is no better. A programme of gradually rising demand pressures might just lead tu permanently lower unemployment, provided that social security is adjusted to ensure that the jobless engage in active searches for new work. The introduction of the job-seeker's allowance in October, will go some way to reducing the duration of

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unemployment support, which should help. But the next government needs to bite the bullet and go further in this direction, albeit combined with aggressive measures tu retrain and increase the geographical mobil-ity of the unemployed. If the Chancellor can force this through, then he has every right to ask for the support of the Bank of England in easing monetary policy, and encouraging the expansion of demand. With higher growth, the budgetary problem suddenly looks a lot less menacing

More lahour market reforms, easier muney, less unemployment, and more public money left over for the services people really want. A long shot? Perhaps. There is certainly no evidence the Blair camp is thinking at all in this direction. But without emergency action to reduce the natural rate of unemployment, and then to boost demand through lower interest rates, the next government will soon stumble into the same fiscal abyss that is swallowing John Major.

Law firm's new head grapples with a problem long familiar to accountants. John Eisenhammer reports

# Freshfields seeks way out of partnership pitfalls

Anthony Salz pauses prudently before speaking, visibly weigh-ing his response. The experience of many years amidst the cut and thrust of financial takeovers

is one thing.
Assuming the mantle of senior partner at Freshfields, becoming the public persona of arguably the City's pre-eminent law firm, is something altogether different.

As the one chosen to take Freshfields into the next millennium, Mr Salz is being looked to as the architect of change in a financial services inical transformation. For City tion, or pushing for statutory lawyers, he concedes, it means change. old breaking with the centuryold partnership culture.

We obviously feel, for the global business we are aspiring to be, personal liability in the traditional way for partners is something of an anachronism and ought to be changed in time," he says. "Conducting husiness around the world incurs a different scale and sort

"To have a partnership trying to do that globally seems to me not what the unlimited personal liability was originally envis-aged to do. It is fast becoming outdated and inappropriate given the scale of the husiness.

Mr Salz is less persuaded by the other line of argument against the partnership - that it is not an effective method of running a modern, complex business. "I ain not so fussed about partnerships in terms of management issues; you just have to change the culture to adapt to new conditions. It is the risk factor for individuals that

Freshfields has appointed one of its top partners tu conduct informal soundings, de- are not yet facing the same dra-

Bonds issued by Hollinger, Conrad Black's holding com-

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THE TUESDAY INTERVIEW ANTHONY SALZ

'The big-league transatlantic

merger or takeover is a question

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nership tradition. Alarmed at recently the Glazo Wellcome the escalation in litigation, lead- and Lloyds TSB bids. Such

veloping ideas of how the business might achieve a reasonable level of liability in the increasingly risky environment of international financial deals. So far, Mr Salz admits, there are no obvious answers. "I don't have the solution as to what would be the acceptable way of changing this. There are a variety of ways, doing it contractually with each client, dustry already undergoing rad-registering in another jurisdic-

> firms like Preshfields are keeping a close eye on their accounting colleagues in those other City bastions of the part-

> the escalation in litigation, lead-ing accountancy firms have been rushing to find ways of im-

iting exposure to the "nuclear

claim. KPMG led the way last

year by incorporating its audit-

Shortly afterwards, Price Wa-

terhouse and Ernst & Young an-

nounced they were looking at

re-registering in Jersey under new laws on limited liability

The lawyers are some way be-

the partnership

hind the accountants on re-

structure, mainly because they

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partnerships.

matic lawsuits. But the spectre of the wipe-out claim is beginning increasingly to disturb the sleep of the legal senior part-ners. Clifford Chance, another leading City law firm, is being heavily sued over its involvement in the Canary Wharf development, incidentally with Freshfields acting for one of the bank claimants.

Mr Salz, who took over from John Grieves on 1 May as se-nior partner at the 253-year-old law firm, ranks high in the elite

finance lawyers in the City. Over the past 15 years he has been involved in many of the big corporate deals, including most

prominence has not been with-

out its pitfalls, however, and

many in the City still remember

Mr Salz for his controversial in-

volvement in the Guinness

scandal, where he was the com-

pany's main legal adviser in its

Living in Hampshire with

his wife and three children, be

persists in being a fanatical

Southampton supporter, and is one of Freshfield's large group

It is to the future, and notably

the United States, where Mr

takeover bid for Distillers.

Salz spent a year with a big Wall Street legal firm in the Seventies, that the new senior partner is focusing his attention on how to develop the business. It is hardly surprising, given that the lawyers work hand in hand with the investment banks on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and securities offerings, that a firm such as Freshfields should be feeling the same competitive beat as the City merchant banking big battalions. As business has become in-

ternational, so those chasing it have been forced to develop global reach. That in itself is a challenge for Freshfields as it opens offices abroad, trying to th local cre laid by international expertise. mainly coming from London. Ten years ago the business had four offices, now there are 14 world-wide, containing 163 partners and nearly 650 lawyers.

Increasingly, however, Fresh-fields is running up against the ambitions of the big US law firms, often brought in on deals by the Wall Street investment banking behamoths which dommate international financial dealings. In Europe and Asia, markets in which the top British firms feel they have a traditional lead, Freshfields is increasingly feeling the lack of an American

extension to its expertise.

The size of the US capital market means that there in effect cannot be an international equity offering without placing part of it in the States. governed by its complicated securities legislation. That gives the US investment banks and their home-grown law firms a built-in advantage - something City merchant banks have been of ambitiously close-to-scratch golfers. Word has it he toyed with turning professional at grappling with for some time. Now it is the lawyers' turn. Freshfields has been slow on

this front. Clifford Chance and

Culture change: Anthony Salz finds himself increasingly running up against US ambition Photograph: Jane Baker

have busily built up chunky New York learns. That in itself leaves Freshfields with little option, and Mr Salz is anxious make up lost ground.

But the off-mooted-transat-lantic big-league legal merger or takeover is, according to Mr Salz, one of the big questions for later this century or the early part of the next. "For the time being, at least, my answer is only to do the US build-up organically. There are problems to managing something straddling the Atlantic, and maintaining the dynamic we have today to motivate people would be quite

challenge." Unlike the merchant banks, City law firms do not suffer from

ors will be in clover and the

accountants out in the cold.

In the great tradition of

Hello! magazine, the Diary is

delighted to report that gor-

geous, pouring PR hackette Emma Weiss, spokesperson

for the Association of Unit

Trust and Investment Funds,

has just enjoyed a heo week-

end in Budapest with 17 pals.

Husband-to-be, the Evening

Standard's personal finance

guru Robert Cole, is having

his own stag night next week-

end. His own arrangements

minute, apparently - Robert gave £100 to his best man

and told him to get on with

very close to Budapest, so it

sounds like lagers all round

it. Which won't get them

have been left to the last

What a shame.

Allen & Overy, City law rivals, a huge size handicap when i comes to competing with their US rivals. Largely thanks to the enormity of their home market Wall Street's investment banking giants such as Merrill Lynch or Goldman Sachs dwarf any

thing the City has managed ic produce. But on the legal side of the financial markets, the British firms have been quicker to expand internationally. "I worked in New York in the late Seventies and Freshfields then was quite a lot smaller than the Wall Street majors.

"Now we are higger than most, that is true of all the big City firms, which have grown faster over the last 15 years than the Americans."

International Business Machines (IBM) has reached an agreement with Apple Computer to license Apple's Mac OS operating system in an attempt to expand the use of the system. The agreement allows IBM to sell PowerPC microprocessors, along with a Mac OS sub-license, to any manufacturer, "Licensing the Mac OS to IBM reinforces our husiness strategy of making the Macintosh platform available to a broader number of customers," said Apple chief administrative officer George Scalise, Power-PC microprocessors are made by IBM's microelectronics division and are currently used in Apple's portable, desktop and server computers as well as IBM portables, workstations and servers. IBM said computer equipment manufacturers Datatech (DTK) Enterprises and Tatung will be among the first companies to to sub-license the Mac OS from IBM.

 British Airways is challenging Scandinavian Airlines System ISAS) in its own market by linking with Sun-Air, the Danish regional airline, It is the first franchise agreement BA has signed with a company outside the UK. Sun-Air's fleet will be repainted in the livery of British Airways Express and its crews will wear BA uniforms. BA area manager Lee Shave said yesterday: "Even given the size of BA, we'd find it very difficult to challenge the dominance of SAS in Scandinavia. Their alliance with Lutthansa has put them in an even more dominant position. We hope this franchise arrangement with Sun-Air is a small start to the end of

 Railtrack was given an enthusiastie thumbs up by Yamaichi analyst Nigel Hawkins in a report made public yesterday: "Our recommendation for Railtrack is BUY - up to a fully paid price of 400p". This sharply contradicts highly publicised advice Nat West gave to some of its wealthier customers recently, saypolitical risks made Railtrack shares unattractive Hawkins believes the political risks have been "exaggerated".

 Dun & Bradstreet has found that there is still strong pressure from the consumer for prices to be kept as low as possible, despite the increases in consumers' pay packets as a result of the last Budget. According to the husiness information firm's latest review, the proportion of firms expecting to increase their prices—year—on-year—has decreased from 64 per cent in the first quarter of the year to 63 per cent in the second.

Sheffield Forgemasters, the privately owned engineering and specialist metals manufacturer, has completed a £70m secondary huy-out. New equity funds were provided by Nat West Ventures. with Schroder Ventures and existing management remaining as substantial shareholders. The company was founded in 1982 by the merger of British Steel and Johnson & Firth Brown, and now has sales of over £140m.

• German unemployment fell in April for the first time in nine months, the Federal Labour Office reported to Monday. The jobless report, one of the first indicators of economic activity for the month, showed seasonally adjusted johlessness fell by 62,000 to 934m, a higger drop than expected. The Bundesbank said the idjusted unemployment rate fell to 10.3 per cent from 10.4 per cent. Economists said the sharp improvement, taken together with strong March industrial production figures released last week. suggested the German economy may have stopped slipping after what are thought tu have been two quarters of negative growth.

Cedel Bank, the internationally owned clearing house for the Eurohond market and other securities, made a pre-tax profit in 1995 of \$36.1m and openting income of \$357.5m. Cedel reported yesterday that it maintained a liquidity ratio of 101.7 per cent and BIS ratio (measuring capital backing) of 18.7 per cent.

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ne latest news to marketing and see mah, with three par w postwars on the

tsarist railway shares. The drama at last Saturday's Pilkington Cup Final be-tween rugby champions Bath and Leicester could be put in the shade today as the old amateur barriers to interclub transfers are abondoned. With the arrival of all-blooded professionalism, clubs will be able to bid for players just like their football counterparts, with a more

# Hollinger stock rated worthy of a tsar

one point.

CITY DIARY JOHN WILLCOCK

pany which owns the Daily Telegraph, have been dubbed Imperial Russian Railway Richmond of the Third Divi-Bonds" by some of the more sion will today announce a cynical staff. The bonds were series of hig money signings. which will almost certainly Hollioger's shares or options include Bath's Ben Clarke. in order to mitigate capital The arrival of City entrepreneurs such as Nigel Wray at shares over a five-year lerm. Saracens signals a new era Apparently certain employwhere money will call the ces are sceptical that the £1 tune - if it didn't already. loan stock, which pay one There could be plenty of per cent under the London slock market action ahead as inter-bank rate. Libor, are well, with both Wasps and the best answer to the CGT Bath preparing to float on problem when their shares are compulsorily acquired by Conrad Black. The bonds are not marketable and some staff feel they aren't gener-

AIM. I can't see the likes of Giggs and Cantona losing out, however, in the glamour stakes to Dean Richards.

Conclusive proof, if it were needed, that commercial property agents are a lot sharper than accountants. Just a week after KPMG and the other leading accountancy firms were vilified for offering seminars oo how to beat a Labour government's

opposite. According to Hillier Parker's research paper, Property under a Labour Gov emment, published this week, property will win whatever Tony Blair does in office. Labour will boost demand for office space, increase

tax rises, the surveyors Hilli-

er Parker have done the

consumer spending and improve rental growth, according to Estates Gazette magazine. The property mag paints a positively glowing picture of a Labour government investing heavily in infrastructure and urban renewal. So if Tony does pull



in the local then. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, is being forced to retire due to cancer, but this did not stop him from playing in a music concert at the Middle Temple last Thursday night. Peter Taylor played the piano for an hour, accompanied the violinist Maureen Smith. The wellattended recital was in aid of the Friends of the Hebrew

### Summary of Accounts it off, it looks like the survey-1995 LOSS ACCOUNT £m. £m Turrover

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A world away from the Crucible Paul Hefford, ranked 454, has made nothing from the game he loves. Yet he keeps playing

# Snookered by his ambition

he first question that Paul highly revealing: "Do I get paid for this?" he inquired hopefully.

Money is a magic word unless

you are among the game's élite Trouble is, it's harder to get than three soookers and all the batts to win, when you're one in a cast of hundreds and slipping rapidly down the rankings.

There are 628 professional players registered with the World Professional Snooker and Billiards Association, Many of these, household names like Fred Davis, Ray Reardon, John Virgo and Clive Everton, no longer play tournaments. But there is still a mass of hopefuls like Hefford who never appear on television, never play abroad and never win anything. Glam-orous events like the Embassy World Championship will only ever be a dream for them. Yet

they potter on.
The only people who make a good living at the game are those in the top 50, and the rest just struggle. says Hefford, a professional for five years. But even the person who is 50th probably only earns about £10,000 a year. That isn't a vast

amount of money, is it?"
Since Hefford became a professional at 24, he has won precisely nothing from the game he loves. His situation is not unique. From 90th to 250th. everyone is about the same. There is nothing much to choose between us. But the game is so much more com-



petitive than 10 years ago, when there were 120 professionals and only about 40 were any good. Now you have a really high standard all the way down, and it's so hard to start from the bottom unless you're a John Higgins or Ronnie O'Sullivan."

For Hefford, who lives in Peterborough, the name of the game has not been snooker but survival. He still lives at home with his parents and hasu't had a holiday for years. It costs £100 to enter one of the nine scoring tournaments and £250 for world championships. Qualifying matches are generally played at Blackpool, Aldershot, Sheffield or Bolton. So Hefford Jumps in his 1972 MGB ("I don't know how many miles it's done because the mileometer has broken") and prepares for a few days or a couple of weeks, depending how well he does, living in soulless

B&Bs and getting homesick. "I've still got the same suit. I can squeeze into it at the start, but after three weeks it will be too big for me. when money is tight, even food becomes a luxury. The other players are friendly, but not overly so. The seven colours may be different, but they are all chasing the same rainbow.

He was nearly 15 when he took up snooker, but found that he had a natural eye for the game. Like many young players, he skived off school to spend hours crouched over a cue. At 24. ne nad a steady job in his father's signwriting business, but threw it all up to play snooker full-time. "One of my friends was professional, so I had an idea of what the standard was. I thought I would do all right at it." Unfortunately, his decision coincided with the governing body's move to open up the game. Suddenly, there were hundreds of youngsters like him who saw their cue to fame and fortune.

Hefford, who has made four maximum breaks, is painfully honest about his success and his prospects. "It was a lot harder than I thought. I played all right but that wasn't good enough. It took a while to get used to the different tables, and there is tremendous mental pressure. I didn't handle it very well.

"I have beaten a few players ranking in the 120s, but I've never had a good year. I've never played Peter Ebdon or Stephen Hendry or anyone like that, With me, it has been lack of confidence largely brought about by financial worries." To earn enough money to

compete, he has worked as a

roofer or a labourer. "But you er because he's a professional. can't play your best when you're knackered from working. With this game, you need to practise six or seven hours a day In any case, he finds the club tables too easy after playing with the hig boys who, despite popular belief, use tables with and it's very hard to do that aller pockets.

when you're worn out." Most of all, he needs that Hefford's only sponsorship green stuff to stay in the black. was £500 in his first year from "I didn't play last year because a local snooker club. Although I just got disheartened, You two Peterborough clubs give can't just keep going to Black-pool or Sheffield and doing your money. But I might start playing him a free table whenever he wants, he can't play club snook-

again because there are moves to introduce a league system." This is a three-tier system of leagues that aims to help play-

ers win through to the top rank on merit, rather than financial back-up. For a player like Hef-ford, it would mean the chance to win some money by playing his peers, with the inceptive of promotion to a higher division. We are speaking in the Q Club

in Peterborough. "Look at that,"

Snooker has to be aware of the challenges it faces. I don't think there is a lot wrong with the game, but it needs to look after the players at the bottom as well as those at the top, so young players will keep coming through. Even though snooker has given Hefford nothing except

he gestures, pointing around him. "Once this place was packed empty pocket, he's still conwith snooker tables, now it's vinced he's in the frame. "If I could find a sponsor so I could half-full of pool and nine-ball. ptay full-time, I still think I could make it." But to Hefford. Embassy will remain the name of a cigarette, rather than the apex of his career, unless he gets some extraordinary breaks and those seem unlikely when you're 29 years old, broke, and

a lot of late nights and an



Wishing on a star: Paul Hefford dreams of glory while watching the Embassy World Championship final yesterday

# White and Gough show Irani's blitz turns the India thrive on run feast

Cricket

DEREK HODGSON reports from Cardiff Yorkshire 576-8 dec & 205-7 dec Glamorgan 482-7 dec & 216 Norkshire win by 43 runs)

After piling up 741 runs and declaring twice. Yorkshire glimpsed dinary d glorious evening. A considerable first ball had Maynard leg-be-Bank Holiday crowd, still beaming after Yorkshire's Sunday defeat cheered Glamorgan's dash to 113 without loss, in pursuit of Butcher was caught in the deep

260, with 24 overs remaining. Then two bursts by the Eng-land contenders Darren Gough and Craig White, watched by the selector David Gravency. pierced Glamorgan's soft underbelly and, with nine balls remaining. Yorkshire eased home. Glamorgan lost their last seven wickets in 45 balls.

lo overs. Glamorgan, with eight watchman, Alex Wharf, has

wickets standing, were favourites to make the remaining 116. but the top three in the order all made haste unnecessarily. Brave hitting by Matthew May-nard and Tony Cottey maintained the rate and with 58 needed off the last 54 halls the sheen stayed on the daffodil.

David Byas then replaced Richard Stemp with Gough at fore: Tony Cottey was run out off the next ball and Robert Croft bowled with the third. Gary in the next over before White. mixing short-pitching and yorkers cleverly, shot through the tail.

Such maybem might have been expected in the morning. After Yorkshire had stumbled to 32 for 4 on Saturday evening, undermined by three lbw decisions, the natural assumption was that this pitch was at last Even at the start of the last starting to wear. The night-

few pretensions to batting at this level and therefore few misgivings; he took seven off Watkin's first two balls and thereafter batted with almost aristocratic disdain to record a career-best 62. Michael Bevan, after a few

mistimings while he tested his balance on his strained left ankle, settled with him to take 133 off 37 overs, and although Yorkto mull over another declaration. Bevan finished with 77.

Wharf, a 6ft 5in 21-year-old from Buttershaw, Bradford, scored 46 on his debut against Warwickshire in 1994 but was inis proving difficult to dislodge even if his captain felt it unwise to bowl him during the carnage.

If Glamorgan did fail to win an exhilarating victory, they could claim one winner: Len Smith's immaculate Sophia Gardens pitch is perhaps the venue for the next timeless Test.

# tide for shaky Essex

Ronnie Iram is developing quite a liking for New Road, but he is not particularly interested in hanging around to admire the beautiful Worcester scenery, writes Mark Burton. Yesterday he dailied for only 86 balls over hitting an unbeaten 110-to steer Essex to victory after they

needed to beat Worcestershire. Two years ago, the England A all-rounder made 119 when Essex scored 405 to win, but he could not have expected the chance of a repeat, even if Esjured most of last summer. He sex did allow Worcestershire to make 415 in a second-innings that looked to be collansing when, resuming at 246 for 5, the home side lost David Leatherdale and

Stuart Lampitt in nine balls. From there Worcestershire put on 159, with Phil Newport, making 68 and Richard Illing-

Somerset v Sarrey

9-278. Blowfing: Cama 22,4-4-70-4; Evans 14-3-38-0: Pernett 19-5-57-0; Atlant 25-15-22-2; Bates 14-4-42-3; Roturson 1-0-4-0; Tolley 9-3-25-0.

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(Somerset won loss)

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rest D J Constant and K E Polmer.

Worcestersbire v Essex WORCESTER: Essex (24pts) best Worces-terainire (5) by five wickets.

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Having let things slip, Essex then plunged to 32 for 5 before the Lancastrian Irani was joined hy the Yorkshireman Paul Grayson for a partnership that came up roses. Irani hit five sixes and 12 fours, while Grayson helped himself to 46 not out as the pair added an unbeaten 158

Adam Hollioake hit his second century of the match to guide Surrey to safety on a tedious final day against Somerset at Taunton. Starting 191 behind, the visitors appeared to face a testing three sessions, but against a medium-pace attack lacking variarion. Hollioake followed up a first-innings 128 with 117 not out.

Durham had their sights set on victory but were left clinging on for a draw against Northamptonshire at Chester-le-Street. Set an attractive target of 222 in worth 66 in a 100 partnership. 44 overs, closed on 168 for 7.

### HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Uxbridge India 290 for 4 England NCA 176 for 8 (India win by 114 runs)

These days, most tours start with a handful of one-day games which as contests are meanpreparations for the tougher of an ugly movement. matches ahead. These outings give all the members of the party the chance for early practice in the middle which, even against relatively modest opposition, is worth more than interminable

sessions in the nets. As Sachin Tendulkar had scored a century on Sunday he gap between cover and extra. stood down, and it was the He has a nice square cut, too. turn of Mohammad Azharuddin and Vikram Rathore to

as Tendulkar and Azharuddin will be happy to find everything in working order at this stage of the tour.

Azharuddin is always a joy to watch batting against any but the fastest of bowlers. He is rather less in command when the ball is pitched short and flies at his throat but yesterday he produced a succession of typically shire lost three wickets in four had run into unexpected diffi-overs after lunch, Byas was able culty in mustering the 187 they home with 16 balls to spare. portant part in the overall timing, and he seemed incapable

> Rathore is one of the several newcomers in this Indian side and he, too, played some fine strokes, reaching his 100 in exactly 100 balls. He thrived on the off-side, driving first off the front foot and then going on to the hack foot and finding the

Navjot Sidhu and Sanjay tional Cricket Association. with Azharuddin hatting for Even such experienced players 33 overs and Rathore for 34 a long bowl.

there was not much time for anyone else. But India were always unlikely to be short of runs on this tour.

The NCA bowlers, coached by Chris Old, stuck to their task well, although they will be grateful they do not regularly come up against hatting of this class. The NCA's hatting went rather better after Javagal Srinath and Paras Mhamhrey had each picked up an early wicket.

Simon Luckhurst, the son of Brian of Kent and England, and his captain Malcolm Roberts played some good strokes in a stand of 101, and none were better than the three fours Roberts hit in one over from Sourav Ganguly. Azharuddin gave all four of his seamers a gentle work-out before turning to his spinners: the left-armer Sunil Joshi, the leg-spinner spinner Rahul Dravid. The snippers all looked in need of

### Manjrekar did not make the score hundreds against the Na- best use of their chances, and

### CRICKET SCOREBOARD

County Championship Derbyshire v Leicastershire

Britannic Assurance

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chester United on Saturday, they

would provide another echo of the

1977 Wembley encounter with

Liverpool, when the two Greenhoffs

inside-forward Jimmy and central

defender Brian - wore the United

colours, the last set of brothers to

play together in an FA Cup final.

Jimmy's "fluke" goal, when Lou

been a United fan since I was 8 ness.

Macan's shot deflected off his

chest, won the day for United, but

boy in Barnsley." Brian said.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

he admits to divided loyalties be- equipment firm in Rochdale, where

tween Old Trafford and Stoke, he lives with his wife and three sons.

where he played 274 League Jimmy, 50, based in Alsager, near

games. Bran, on the other hand. Crewe, is attempting to recover from

remains unequivocally red. "I've the collepse of his insurance busi-

Johnng as a schoolboy, Brian, who with the old players," Brian said,

wen 18 England caps, remained with "aithough we have reunions and Unned until he was 27, when he was some of us will be at Wembley this

sold to his brother's first club, Leeds. weekend. In fact, I don't see a lot

The two were together again at of Jimmy. We have never been es-

Rochdale, as manager and player, but pecially close. There's seven years

it was not a successful association, between us and we tend to have

Nowadays, neither is in football. our own friends and our own lives."

"I don't keep in very close touch

Jon Culley

# SUSSEX - Second lanings (Saturday: 77 for 3) \*A P Wells e Noon b Afford .... I J Lenham b Afford .... \*P Moores e Pollerd b Carris ... I D K Salebuy e Noon b Carris V C Drailes e Afford b Bates ... N C Philips e Bates b Carris ... I W Invest end out

Did not bat: 3 J E Brown, M M Bets. Bowling: Taylor 11:2-29-3; Curran 4-1-9-0; Em-burey 14-1-54-1; Cappel 7-0-32-0; Pentherity 7-0-37-3; Bailey D.4-0-2-0 Umphrets: K J Lyons and A D 7 Whitehead. Durham v Northamptonshire CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham (Spin) drew with Giamongan v Yorkshire
CARDIFF Yorkshire (22pts) best Giamongan
(is) by 43 nms.
(Yorkshire won tost)
YORKSHIRE – First basings 536 for 8 dec [M
O Meson 213. M P Vaughan 183; R D 8 Croft
5-133). NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - First tonings 320 (K M Curran 68; M M Betts 4-120).

GLAMORGAN - First Innings 482 for 7 dec (1 Moras 202no, M P Maynord 136).

169. Did not bat: P J Hartley, R D Stemp. Bouting Walton 17-4-64-2; Thomas 13-0-47-2; Coft 24-7-47-1; Barwick 5-1-19-0; Butcher 2-0-21-0

CAN - Second lunings

Fee: 1-1.0 C-1.0.3 7-204 8-212 9-212 Bowling: Gough 14-5-34-2; Hantey 10-1-56-1; White 8-3-2-33-4; Sternp 16-2-71-2 Umphree: J D Bong and P Willey. Kout v Lancashire

CANTERBURY: Kept (19pts)
Lancashire (4) by 64 runs. (Lancashire won toss) KENR - First innings 320 (T R Ward 106, C L Hooper 54, G R Cowdrey 52). LANCASHINE - First Innions 47 for 1 dec. LANCASHIRE - Second lanings
M A America b Patel ......98
J E R Galban c Marsh b Thompson ......12

J P Crawley b Fleming N H Fairbrother & Hooper b McCague N J Speak c Fulton b McCague \*M Watkinson b Wren ...... fW K Hegg b Patel .... I D Ausun e McCague b Patel .... S Elworthy c and b Patel .... 

Nottinghamsbire y Sussex (Subset won toss) SUSSEX - First innings 203 for 8 dec (N ) Lenham 100noi.

# Falt: 1-6 2-10 3-12 4-20 5-32. Did not bat: 1R J Rollins, M C llott, A P Couan, N F Williams Bording None; 32-2: Lampit: 10-1-57-0; Thomas 6-0-26-0; Umpires: T E Jesty and R A Wine. Tour Match

England NCA v India LDERIDGE India won by 114 runs.

(India won toss) INDIA V Rathore o Dean & Amold N S Sidhu & Rosher .......

Exerts 10-0-48-0; Sneligrove 6-0-46
ENGLAND NCA
S J Dean c Mangretar b Sanath
S Lockhurst b Hirward
S Lockhurst b Hirward
Foster liber b Masarchrey
"M J Roberts c Genguly b Joshy ...
O R Clarke c Adhenation b Drawd
J D Robrisson run out
D Sneligrove from b Hirward
C W Taylor not out
P G Rostwer c Genguly
b Verkettesh Presed
R A Evens not out
Extress (IC 10:25 w3 nb.)
Total (for 8, 50 owens)

Did not bet Y. A Amod.
Bouling: Smrath 6-3-9-1: Mitemiorey 6-2-131: Verkietesh Prasad 10-1: 36-1; Sangaly 50-25-0; Joshi 10-3-28-1; Hinsent 10-2-28-2;
Draud 3-1-10-1
Umpires: D R Shepherd and P Adams.
SECOND 30 CHAMPHONSHIP (First day of times; today: 11-0): Abbotsholme School, Rocester: Verkienes 324 for 7 der (B Parler 63, N Russell 64no. CA Chapman 53): Derbyster 21 for 0. Bit Perforts: Longarina 53. for 8 dec (D) Shadford 101no); Wordestechne 26 for 1. North Permute: Someone 178; Northamptonshire 206 for D (D.) Roberts 104no, I. G Swann 8 froi). Eastbournec Essex 247 U J Lews. 105: A D Edwards 7: 83; Sussex 51 for 0. (Second day of times; today; 11-0); The Owah Surrey 262 (N Shahd 63, G.) Kernis 81; J P Searle 4-37) and 127 for 7; Outham 135 U E Benjamin 5-28).

BARN HOGE TROPHY (One day): Bristot:

Today Benson and Hedges Cup (One-day metches; 11.0 start) CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Minor Counties.
GHELMSFORD: Easte v Kent.
DURLINE Instant v Gloucestershire.
LEDESTER: Lebestershire v Lancushire.
LORD'S: Modeless v Glamorgan.
MORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Norting-

HORITIANITY Over Horographorisme v reuch horisfric. TAUNTON: Somerset v British Universities. HOVE: Supper v Surrey. EDEBACTION: Warnvictshire v Derbyshire, HEADRIGLEY: Yorkshire v Scotland.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Pirst day of three; 11.0 start): Bristok Goucesterstee v

3.30: 1, COOL EDGE (P Robinson) 4.1 gray; 2. General Monash 15-2: 3. Band on the Rum 10-1, 12 ram. 4-1 gray Royal Philosothe Rom 10-1, 12 rain. 4-1 pt fax Royal Philoso-pher. 2, 3, kM Tompkines, Traise E.4.40; £2.10, £2.30, £2.80, DF; £29,50, CSF; £32.83, Tri-casts £215.88, Troc. £77.90, Non Runner: Some Horse. After a stewards' migury there was an amended result: Lettuce, who had fin-whed 2nd was dismostifications of the set. In ished 2nd, was disqualified and placed last. 4,05: 1. PURPLE SPLASH (A Clark) 3-1.

jt fav; 2. Robingo 12.1; 3. Stalled 7.2, 8 ran, 3-1 jt fav Executive Design, 5, 1.4. (P Malan), Tote: £3,90; £1,70, £2,30, £1,20, Dual Forecast: £18,40, CSF; £33,87, Tric-

ast: £1.20,42. 4,35: 1, MUSICK HOUSE (I Reid) 4-5 tav. 2. Keitol 4-1; 3, Roussban 16-1, 11, ran. 5. 2. Reitol 4-1; 3. Rousshan 26-1, 11, ran, 5, 29; (P Chapple-Hyam), Totte: £1.50; £1.10, £1.70, £2.50, Dul Forecast: £3.10, CSF: £5.27, Trio: £19.70, NEL (F Lynch) 3-1; 2. Braille 8-1; 3. Mouserch 7-2, 7 ran, 11-4 lav Tessajos 14th, noch, 4, U Spearing), Totte: £3.00; £1.40, £2.60, DP: £9.60, CSF: £74.76

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2.10: 1. WHITEWATER AFFAIR (R Cochrone) 11-8 for; 2. My Lewicia 33-1; 3. Saleemah 5-2. 8 rms. 1-4, -4. (M Stoute). Tota: £2.30; £160, £6.70, £1.20, Dusl Forecast: £109.20. Computer Straight Forecast: £34.98. 7no: £77.00.

2.40: 1. PROPOSING (G Hard) event; 2. Sabamian Sunshine 4-5 fav. 2 rms. 1-y. U Gosden). Tota: win £1.90.

3.10: 1. PLESE SUZANNE (Dane 0 Neill) 4-1; 2. Baize 8-1; 3. Emp Coestiest 20-1. 4.25: 1. INPLUENCE PEDLER IM Bard 15-2; 2. Flocheck 3-1; 3. Slege Perflous 5-2 Sv. 8 ran, rk, rk, (C Britain). Tota: £9,80; £2,40, £1,90, £1,40. Dual Forecast: £16,80.

4-1; 2. Seize 8-1; 3. Emy Counting 20-1; 9 ran. 100-30 fav Alpire Twist. 14, 24, ft Hannon). Tota: £4.20; £1.90, £2.80, £5.00. Dual Forecast: £19.10, CSF: £31.91. Tno: £4.20; £1.90.

109.10. 1. DESERT GREEN (Dars O'Neil)
3.40: 1. DESERT GREEN (Dars O'Neil)
9.2 fax 2. Clan Ben 6-1; 3. Crumpton Hill
7-1.13 ran. 4, 4, 18 Harmon). Tota: 25.50;
£1.90, £2.40, £3.90, Duel Forecast: £10.40.
Computer Straight Forecast: £31.95. Thicast:
£173.67. Trio: £62.20.
4.10: 1. ARTIC COURTER (A Whelan) 101: 2. Nordanais 33-1; 3. General Mountar
100-30 fax. £5 ran. sht-ht. 2. (D Cosgrove).
Tota: £15.00: £4.10, £4.90. £1.70. Duel
Forecast: £89.60. CSF: £256.91. Tricast:
£1,222.88. Too: £80.30. Non Runner, Fieldndge. After a stewards' inquiry, the there was an amended result: Nordanais, who was first past the post from Arcue Courter, was demoted to second place.

past the post own Archa Courier, was demoted to second place.

4.40: 1. TROJAM RISK (Paul Eddery) 5.1 co fav; 2. Kriscillife 15.1: 8. Forest Robin 5.1 co fav; 2. Kriscillife 15.1: 8. Forest Robin 5.1 co fav. 10 ran. 5.1 co fav. Royol Diversion. 3., hd. (G Lewis, Total: 25.20: £1.60, £4.00, £2.70. Dual Foresast: £35.10, computer. Straight Expendit. £76.6. Vicentife. buter Straight Forecast £75.55. Tricast: £404.49. Tric: £120.80. 5.10: 1. DR MASSINI (R Cochrane) 9-4 tax; 2. Well Street 6-1; 3. Axford 4-1, 8 can, 11/4, 3. (M. Stoute). Tota: £4.40; £1.30, £1.80, £1.70, DF: £7.20, CSF: £14.45, Trio;

2.25: 1. MY GODSON (R Lappin) 25-1: 2. 2-25: 1. MY GODSON (R Lappin) 25-1: 2. Brockine Gold 11-2; 3. Sallyoreally 50-1. 18 mar. 7-4 fev Sagabrush Roller (4th). 1. hd. U L Eyre; Toke: £27.00; £5.30. £2.70, £25.30. Dual Forecast: £67.40. Computer Straight Forecast: £69,03. The: not won (3 pool of £339.14 is carried forward to Chester lodgy).

2-65: 1. LATVIAN (A Culture! 10-1; 2. Blocks 5-2 fax; 3. Socret Service 4-1. 8 mar. 1½. ½. UR Alani. Toke: £9.20; £1.60, £1.80, £1.90. Dual Forecast: £38.90. CSF:

Narendra Hirwani and the off-

### FLAT RACING RESULTS

### DONCASTER

2.20: 1. KE AGE (M Bard) 12-1; 2. Cavin 220:1 M2 M26 W Bard 12-1; 2. Caynar Royale 8-13 fav; 3. Balleborough Boy 25-1.8 am. 1-4. 4. (R Williams). Totac £21.00; £2.40, £1.10. Dual Forecast: £5.40. Com-puter Straight Forecast: £20.93. This: £203.20 (part won, pool of £148.84 camed forward to Crester 4.10 today). Non Runner: Our Home

2,50: 1, BOLSHOI (S D Wilhams) 4-1; 2. Sea-Deer 11-2; 3. Berranek 12-1, 8 ras. 100-30 jr favs Super Rocky (4vn) & La Su-quet, nk, nk. (i Berry), Tota: £4.80; £2.30, £1.60, £2.50. Duel Forecast: £11.10. CSF:

£1.60, £2.50. Duel Forecast: £11.10. CSF: £25.34.
3.20: 1. WDOM (K Fallon) evers fav; 2. Anthelia 7-2; 3. Lucayan Prince 5-1. 4 ran. 2. 144. (R. Charton). Tota: £1.70. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.97.
3.55: 1. MnGWAR (R. Hughes) 4-1; 2. 88-by Busthweeter 6-1; 3. Cartito Brigante 5-2 fav. 7 ran. 2, 44. (L. Cumari). Tota: £4.60; £2.70, £2.50. Duel Forecast: £12.70, CSF: £23.15.
4.26: 1. INFLUENCE PEDLER (M. Bard)

4.55: 1. GROUND GAME (If Hughes) evens tood.

4.55: 1. GROUND GAME (If Hughes) evens too: 2. Classale Colours 6-1; 3. Fijon 6-1, 8 ran. 5, sht-ht. (D Loder). Tober £2.40: £1.30, £1.50. Dust Forecast: £4.70. CSF: £8.87.

5.25: 1. DAAWE (M Deering) 7-1; 2. Cretan Gift 14-1; 3. Misther Westsoumd 9-1, 13 ran. 7-2 fax Captain Carst. ½, 2. (Ars V Aconley). Tober: £12.40; £3.40, £3.60, £2.40, DF: £86.30. CSF: £101.38. 7ncest: £870.34. Trio: £184.10.

Placespot: \$87.80. Quadrost: £23.90.

Placepot: £87.80. Quadpot: £23.90. Place 6: £58.79 Place 5: £40.39. HAYDOCK

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2.00: 1. CAMPORESE U Rekit 13-2: 2. Pleos de L'Opera 11-2: 3. Chaesic Parisian, 25-1. 10 res. 7-4 for Aethra (5th.) 9, 2. (P. Chapple-Hyern). Tothe: E5-90: £1-80, £2-10, £5-90. Dasi Forecast: £9-10. Computer Smaight Forecast: £41-07. Inc. £209,50 (part wor i pool of £13-2) 9 camed forward to Chester 4.10 today). Lepinia (12-1) was withdrawn not under orders; Rule 4 appties to hoard proces only, deduction 5p in the pound.

2.90: 1. BALI PARADISE (T. Quint) 6-4 for.
2. The Gay Fee: 11-2; 3. Rockarcundithectock: £2-1. 7 ran. neck, 2. (P. Cols). Tothe: £2-50; £1-60, £2-10. Dir. £6-30, CSF: £10-21. Non Ruinner: Miss Fugi Perance. After 8 stewards in quinty there was an amenoter 8 stewards' inquiry there was an amend

ed result: The Gay Fox, who was first past the post from Ball Paradise, was demoted to second place. ond page. 3.00: 1. FOND EMBRACE (G Carest 5-1; 2. Major Quality 11-8 fax; 3. Ocean Grove 6-1, 7 ran, 1/2, 7. (H Cardy), Tota: £4.60; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £12.34. Jackpot: £19,519.90. Piacepot: £128.80. Quadput: £55,60. Piace 6: £147,31. Piace 5: £108.08. NEWCASTLE

£34.66. Tricast: £110.18. 3.25: 1. DESERT LYNX (G Duffield) 14-1; 2. Mediam Zando 33-1; 3. Pethaze 20-1. 17 ras., 11-2 j; favs Mileman Refurb & Fore-cast, 34, 3. (f Wargon). Toker £30, 70; £4.30, £6.00, £7.80, £2.30. Dual Forecast: £284,10. CSF: £388.04, Tricast: £4.283.75.

E284.10. CSF: £388.04, Tricast: £4.283.75.
Tric: £271.50.
4.90: 1. GEMEROSUS (W Ryan) 2.9 fav;
2. Candle Sculle 9-2; 3. Beacontree 14-1.
6 ran. 4. 2v;. (+ Cocil., Toto: £1.10; £1.20,
£1.10. Dual Foreuses: £1.40, CSF: £2.23.
4.30: 1. LEGEND OF ARAGON (3 Duffeld)
5-1; 2. Bayford Torost 7-1; 3. High Sphilos 5-1. 12 ran. 5-4 fav Plan For Profit (4th).
2. rk. U Glover). Toto: £4.40; £2.50, £2.70.
£3.80. DF: £14.00. CSF: £44.19. Tro: £78.90.

E3.80. DF: £14.00. CSF: £44.19. Tro: £78.90.
5.00: 1. LUCKY BEA (Dale Gibson) 12-1;
2. STwendale Knight 6-1; 3. Winston 6-1,
11 ran. 5-4 tov Farmost (50h), nk, nk, (M W Essterby). Totos: £18.30; £3.60, £2.00,
£2.80. DF: £40.40, CSF: £90.70. Trocas: £0h, 45 per £48.30; £601.48. Tno: £48.30. Placepot: £399,80. Quadpot: £34.80. Place 6: £730.02. Place 5: £101,53.

# WARWICK

2.15: 1. NIGHTBIRD ON Hills; 9-2: 2. Open Credit 8-15 tay; 3. Third Party 50-1. 6 ran. 1, 6, (8 Hills). Totac 55-60; 22.30, 51.20. Dual Forecast: 53.60. CSF: \$7.27. Non Run-ner: Vax Star. 2.45: 1. NAWMOO (6 Meigen) 11-2 tay; 2. Salta Describes 16.1: 2. Eric Balls 14. 2. Sylva Paradise 16-1; 3. Ed's Polly 14-1. 15 ran, 14, 14, 16 Wagg). Tota: £6.30: £2.50, £5.50, £4.30, DF: £89.80, CSF: £82.90, Yncast: £1,110.33, Tho: £266.90.

Non Runner: Victim of Love 3.15: 1. HARVEY WHITE (S Gallard) 8-1; 2. Beautoont 5-1 jr fav; 3. Hend of Straw 7-1; 4. Kosthery 13-2, 19 ran. 5-1 jr fav Mytonia/he (5th), 1/n, 1/n, U Peercel. Total 68.70; £1.20, £1.50, £1.90, £2.20, Uud Forecast: £13.80. CSF: £46.00, Tricast: £274.31, Tric: £38.30, Non Runner: Sun Cr-

0.8. 3.45: 1. TINITARA (M Hils) 5-2 jt lav. 2. 40ml 9-2; 3. Millionissam 5-2 jt fav. 8 ran. 1½. 1½. (B Hils). Totac £2.70: £1.10, £1.30. £1.60. DF: £5.20. CSF: £13.91. Treast

£1.60. pr. 428.03. 4.15: 1. ROCKCRACKER (P Boomfeld) 10-1; 2. Dealing Danter 4-1 (tim; 3. Miles-10-1. 19 ran. 4-1 (tim Specify Casso. 14. hd. (G Margarson). Toto: £13.70; £3.80. £2.10, £3.50. DF: £56.30. CSF: £49.34. M tor a stewards' inquiry, the result stood. Trio: £274.40 (part won, pool of £34.78 to 4.10

Chester today).
4.48: 1. EL PENITENTE (D R McCabe) 7-4 (ar, 2, Kamari 19-1; 3, Oed Dancer 12-1, 18 ran. 4, nk. (D Loden, Toker £2,80; £1.10, £5.30, £3.40, Dr. £27.40, GSF; £22.18, True £193.80 (pan wan, pool of £150.18 carried forward to Chester 4.10 to

day). 5.15: 1. RISKY ROMEO (T Field) 16-1: 2-5.15: 1. RISHY ROWED (I Field) 16-1: 2. Runic Symbol 16-1: 3. Logisurd Express 20-1: 4. Zeitzen 8-1. 21. zm. 4-1 ftv. Logisurus: 10-1: 10-

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0930 161 CHESTER. N ARBOY DONCAST W CANTO

# 'St Mawes to expose flaws in Vase rivals

Racing **GREG WOOD** 

Historians may point to their ley Mile is all that need be said roads, elegant mosaics and central-heating systems, but most racing followers can suggest another example of the intelligence of the Romans. Two tigious or profitable of the Flat thousand years ago, the invaders clearly appreciated the potential of Chester's Roodeye

tender for the most enjoyable.

Nor will there be any shortto be the site of Britain's most attractive Flat racecourse, and once again we have reached that Vase a case in point. Its role as week in May when most of us a serious Derby trial is open to give thanks for their foresight. Not everyone likes Chester, of course. There are those who believe that its tight, almost cir- but several of its winners have cular shape puts too many hors-

That they are almost certainly and Belmez, who beat the sub- also a measure of the deep im- to ride on the fast side of good. middle ground. St Mawes can joy watching racing on the bleak expanse of Newmarket's Rowabout the anti-Roodeye pointof-view. Smart racegoers know that while Chester's May meeting may oot be the most presseason, it is definitely a con-

age of useful animals on show this week, with today's Chester question - since Shergar in 1981, no horse has completed the Chester-Epsom double gone on to other Group One es at a disadvantage, such as successes, including Luso, who those who are drawn on the outside in double-figure fields. Toulon, Old Vic, Law Society

Fame in the Vase six years ago.

That memory will be particularly strong this afternoon, when Air Quest, Quest For justify the run in the ante-post market which has seen him hacked down to 14-1 for the Derby. That is desperately short for a colt who has just one pre-

day ban for his use of the whip

on Mark Of Esteem in winning

"The seotence was very

Saturday's 2,000 Guineas.

the same people who truly en- sequent Derby winner Quest For pression his five-length defeat of Set Adrift in a Newbury maiden made on those who witoessed it.

> An impression, though, is Fame's full brother, seis out to also what Air Quest's hooves were making in the turf that day, and there must be some doubt whether Roger Charlton's colt, who has a very rounded action. will be equally at home on tovious outing to his credit, but day's surface which is expected Classic on the unfavourable

> > looking a million dollars and ran

for the whip. If he hadn't hit him

Dettori will miss York's

he wouldn't have won."

For certain, it is not worth chancing at a short price, and ST MAWES (nap 3.10) is an appealing alternative. John Dunlop's colt showed considerable improvement to finish second to Storm Trooper in the Feilden Stakes, and although the latter did nothing to frank the form in the 2,000 Guineas on Saturday, he raced throughout the

Dettori defended over whipping Godolphin's Simon Crisford were no weal marks on Mark Of yesterday defeoded Frankie Dettori, who received an eight-wards. He came out of the race drawn up with the best intendrawn up with the best intentions but are flawed. When it

He flicks his whip, he doesn't

demonstrate this afternoon that both he and Storm Trooper will be significant forces among this year's Classic generation.
As ever, Peter Chapple-

Hyam and Barry Hills, Robert Sangster's principal trainers, will have prepared a few runners for this meeting, and Sangster should enjoy a double in the first two races. Neither Carmine Lake or Legal Right will be at an attractive price, however, and punters looking for value would do better to wait for Kazimiera (next best 3.40) and Pride Of Brixton (4.40). Both are in good form and have the ideal Chester draw, close to the rail but not against it, where anycomes to a big race a jockey has thing but a lightning to go for it. Frankie is an artist. thing but a lightning-fast start

Chapple-Hyam made a win-ning start to Chester week ves-

terday when Camporese, an Oaks entry, ran out the ninelength winner of Haydock's maiden. A trip to Epsom is now a distinct possibility.

Michael Tabor, unleashed an-RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: School Boy (Chester 3.40)

NB: St Mawes (Chester 3.10)

Camporese's owner, the tax-

exiled former bookmaker

other useful prospect at Kempton in Dr Massini, a Sadler's Wells colt who holds the Derby entry. The horses attracting ante-post money for Epsom, though, were Saturday's wincer Dushyanior and King Alex, a stablemate of Air Quest io Roger Charlton's yard.



CHESTER .40: SHANTOU, from a stable whose runners have improved or an outing this season, did well.

though green, when second at Newmarket, with Chabral sixth,

3.10: AIR QUEST kooked very impressive on his debut and has the scope to progress. St Mawes. who is reported to have improved since a second to Storm Trooper last time, is the danger as Sasu ru's suspect steering will be test-

3.40; SCHOOL BOY has Kuzimiera and Le Sport to lear as those higher in the handicap look weighted out of the reckoning.

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4.10: TATTIKA made great strides

on the all-weather this winter and may have been laid out for this.

2.10 Carmine Lake 2.40 Shantou

HYPERION 3.40 School Boy 4.10 TATIKA (nap) 4.40 Pleasure Time

GOING: Good. STALLS: 1m 2f - stands side; remainder baside, IIRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best.

ELEADING TRADUERS WITH EUNNERS: M Scoute — 18 winners from 64 runners gives a success ratio of 28.1% and a profit to a \$1 level stake of \$9.09; R Harmon — 14 winners, 64 runners, 21.0%, ~88.2; J Gooden — 13 winners, 46 runners, 33.0%, ~\$8.73; B Hills — 13 winners, 60 runners, 21.7%, ~\$19.67.

ELEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery — 16 winners, 59 rides, 27.1%, -25.89; W.R. Swinburn — 14 winners, 54 rides, 25.9%, +210.0%; D.Holland — 12 winners, 59 rides, 20.3%, +20.04; J. Carroll — 12 winners, 97 rides, 12.4%, -249.38.

SLINERRO FIRST TIME: Nordic Breeze 14.101.
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Golden Touch (4.10) won at Newmarket on Priday.
LONG-OISTANCE RUNNERS; St. Marwes (3.10) sent 225 miles by J Dunlop from Arandel.
West Sussex: Bowled Over (2.40) sent 222 miles by C Cyper from Maplehusst, West Sussex.

2.10 LLY AGNES CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS B) £12,000 added 270 5f Penalty Value £7,418 AZIEC TRAVELLER (33) (D) U K BOWN J Benry 8 10.
POOT BATTALION (20) (D) IA 6 High R Holinsheed 9 10
CARRING LAVIC (20) (D) IR E Sangaren P Chapple-Hawn 8 8.
WEET BES GIRL (35) (D) (Ed Weetman Lid) P Benrs 8 8.
CONNEGNARA (29) (D) (Ox A Haldung C Dwyer 9 5.
AMY (A E Needham) C Smith 9 2. declared.

BETTRIC: 4-6 Commine Lake, 7-2 Commemore, 6-1 Aries Traveller, 8-1 Foot Bettallon, 12-1 West Ess Giri, 25-1 Arry 1995: What Fun 2 9 10 M J Kirsane 2-1 IR Hennon 7 ran

FORM CUIDE Tack Berry won this with Landseylee (1999), it's All Academic (1990) and Lucky Parkes (1992), while Timo Ten. (1991) and Beat Rept. Secret (1993) both finished numer-up for the Cockettem transport. After Traveller, B son of Timeless Times to profife where is at two-year-old, made all on his Haydock debut over Easter, so will be well at home on this tree but the made all on Ns Haydock debut over Easter, or will be well at home on this track but the form of that race has not worked out well and he is up against it here taking on CARMINE LANC. A 2-1 on chance when having her mindulation at the Newmarkst Craven meeting, the fifty drew clean away after taking command at the furiong pole to defeat Dame Laura over and a trail lengths and the runner-up give the form a boost when she went one better at Newmarket last Friday. Carmine Lake looks the one to beat in reat month's Queen Mary. Carmine Lake san't very big and should give will round these tight bends. By Royal Academy, he is the first feel of Castillan Queen, who is out of Breeders' Cup Mile winner Royal Henome. West Eas Birl and Communicate have also won their single starts to date, at Nothingharn and Wantek last month, respectively, what the coil Foot Battallon produced a strong finishing burst to get up by a short-head at Ponteiract. However, Carmina Lake is probably in a different class.

# 2.40 GROSVENOR MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £12,000 edded 370 1m 2f 75yds Penalty Value £8,367 1 BROOMS SYO JUM 22 75yths Permitty Varius 28, 54 AMPASSADOR (USA) (22) (Albianum A Materium 8 Hills 9 0 ANCIENT (USE) (Albianum A Callagem 9 0 23 ARONESIN (23) (W / Berdley) C British 9 0 3-20 BRONESIN (23) (R USA) C Caper 9 0 6 CHARROL (24) (20) (A Mennopoulosi H Ceral 9 0 4 CRABRICS PRIDE (33) (Units Heart Ricing Clay) A Balley 9 0 2- LEGAL RIGHT (USA) (22) (R E Bangaren P Chemple Hyam 9 0 CHEGAS JUCH SYNCE (33) US Wiccol R Hollenheid 9 0 3 SHANTOU (USA) (20) (Sheich Materimend ) Gooden 9 0 2- LEGAL RIGHT (15) (15) (Sheich Materimend ) Control 9 0

harsh." Crisford said. There Dante meeting and John Gos-

	3.10	CHESTER VASE (CLASS A) (Group 3) £45,000 added 3YO 1m 4f 66yds Penalty Value £28,710	C4
1			Pet Eddery 5
2	1-0	CLASSIC EAGLE (17) (Classic Bloodstock Ptg 8 Williams 8 10	A blackey 4
3	11	HIGH RANDQUE (17) (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyem 9 10	Reid 3
4	3316-21	PRINCE OF MY HEART (123) (0) (R J Hides 8 Hits 9 10	X Follon 2
5		SASURU (21) (Laty Oppenheimer) O Wrage 8 10	Pad Eddery 1
6		ST MANNES (FR) (19) (Lord Sweything) J Durlop 8 10	_W Carson 9
-		- & declared	

BETRING 7-4 High Baroque, 9-4 St Mawes, 7-2 Air Quest, 7-1 Session, 8-1 Prison Of My Heart, 181 Classic Engle
1995: Uso 3 9 10 M J Kreine 11-1 (C Britain) 7 on
FORM GUIDE
This has gone to such as Shergar (1993), while last year winner, Luso, followed up in the
Derby Italiano, AIR QUEST can go one better than his full-brother Quest For Fame, who was
beaten a length by Behnez hefore giving on to Derby glory. Not surprisingly, Roger Charlann
is following a samilar point with Air Quest to Quest For Fame, as both won the same Newbury
marken before coming here. The solection was easy to back at the Berkshire track and lost
his place five furlongs out but he stayed on strongly efter leading approaching the two-furlong pole to beat market leader Set Abrit five lengths, Set Abrit fixen poorly when an evenmoney chance at Salsbury on Sandey but there were existent for the ones may be for the rean High Barroque — the only of of the season not emerce for the Derby. The High Estate colt,
who represents the Sungeter-Chaptle-Hyarn combine, drifted from 3-2 to 7-2 when marking
his debut at Nothingham early last month and from 5-2 to 9-1 at Newbury but won both in
good style. And there is proteably better soil to come. Sassara and Si Rawes will have come
on for their opening outings of the season when runner-up at the Newmarket Cewen meetling to Sherpes and to Storm Tirooper, respectively, as will Classics will all have come.
In the Thirsk Classics Tirol. Sasuru was beasen north a neck and Sherpes is well regarded. Also twice

number-up and once that from three purentle ettempts, Geoff Wagg's number is out of a good withter-producing more and certainly deserves to find a zone. St Mawet, who won the last of two Juvenile starts, stoyed on wall at Newmantet (9f) and, being by dual Derby winner Shahrastani out of a mare by Sip Anchor, will be well as home over the distance. Barry Hills, whose numbers manably do well here, runs Prince Of My Heart but this one hots a tough sisk today. Selections AIR QUEST

nen meny-		
3	.40	EARL OF CHESTER HANDICAP (CLASS C) £25,000 C4 added 310 7f 122yds Penalty Value £18,050
	21350	SENCT Q249 MEH Prince Fahrt Salmen) W Janes 9 7
	1014-0	PRESION CA (24) (D) IP 8 Adams) R Hormon 9 5Put Eddary 8
	40-0102	SUMTACH CIZI IO) (Noel Second) R Hobrishead 9 1
	54-32	BLITE FORCE (12) OR E Sangrey) P Chapple-Hern B 11
	445254	NAISSANT (231) (Shekti Marum A Makasum) C Busan 9 11
)	5-43	MENOO HILL BREAL CLSD (SEF) (Shelish Ahmed Al Maletourn) M Stoute 9 10
•	3130-22	FROLD MONK (26 (D) (X Heson) G L Moore 89
•	242103-	PHARMACY (238) Rady Jane Kaptani J W Watts 8 8
)	00-22	ALPINE HIDEAWKY (14) DAs Mary Brestim 9 Hambury 8 8
۵	051120	LE SPORT (45) 60) (Simple Technomer LK (20) A Buley S 8
ī	534	DESERT CAT (196) (Hadi Al-Tair) H (horrison Jones 9 6
2	3636-62	KAZIMERA (19) Shessel Brodey) W Bary 93
3	020-223	SCHOOL BOY (10) (The Alistans Choir T 1 Haugram 9 1

HETTRIC: 7-2 Elite Force, 6-1 Mesco Hall Estat, 6-1 Kathelers, 8-1 Prends Ca, 6-1 School Boy, 10-1 Alphie Hidenstry, Descrit Cat, Proof Mark, 22-2 Plearmacy, Sustincia, 24-2 Le Sport, 18-1 others 1995: Cleancy 3 6 3 W Catson 3-1 64 Stoup) 12 cm

This might be enother for the Sangstev Chapple-Hem team wa ELITE FORCE. Fourth of 25 to Sovereign's Crown at Newbury on the last of two outrings last term, he ran third behand Green Booper at at Newbury on the last of two outrings last term, he ran third behand Green Booper at at Newborste on Easter Monday on his return, following with a two-and-half-length second behand Master Boots at Catominal. He should progress further and is not harstly treated on his handicap debut. Wherever my selection finishes, Memor half Batell should not be for behand, as he was only half a length adrift in the Catterick race, for which he went off swouths, and has a marginal advantage, he represents Michael Stoute and Willie Carson, successful with Classicy in the corresponding race a year ago. School Boy, following two Wolverhampton seconds in March, both the minor placing against Ehen Nass of Lacester, He goes off a 2th higher month here but is on bottom weight and Limmy Quien takes the ride. Sualitach stormed inone by two lengths at Doncester on Lincoln day – Le Sport 10th of 14 – and, although unplaced at Newmorket behind Sky Donce, was inched out by Cryotia at Beverley. Jason Weaver is an eye-catching boolang for Reg Hollinsheed's numer. Alpine Hiddenway and Proud Monts, have each finished numer-up twice from as many statis this term and can again figure.

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4	1.10	WALKER SMITH & WAY HANDICAP (CLASS C) C4 £15,000 1m 2f 75yds Penalty Value £11,022
1	MODAR	BORROS CITA EM C. Sharriard P Cole 4 100
2	2/1020-2	TEN PAST SIX (4) U.S. Kennerley and Mess J Hall) M Warre 4 10 ()
3	450-032	HARDY DANCER (3) (Peter L Higson) G L Moore 4 9 13S Whitworth 7
4	/5/85-30	BARBAROJA (25) (Marquesa de Morarafa)   FiziGasalo 5 9 12 K Fallon 9 8
5	14-0005	SECRET ALY (CAN) (to (D) (B H Vock) C Better 6 9 8 B Doyle 3
Ď	13230-4	GRAND SELECTION (69) (D) (BF) (M B Handin) M Bell 4 9 6. M Fembro 11.
7	212120-	CONSPICUOUS (192) (D) (Mrs. Jerry Hopkins) 1, 6 Comel 8 9 4
Ė	26300-0	TE AleO (29) (Ferrely Ltd) R Alehans, 4 9 4
Ř	040-41	HEAGINETY (10) (D) (Abdullet Ali) 9 Henbury 4 9 1
10	24104-0	ALDANEH (5) (Shelish Esst Bir Mubbrak) R Hannon 4 9 0
ũ	223220-	NORDEC BREEZE (228) Dilatcolm 8 Jones A Balley 4 8 13Paul Eddiny 14 8
12	05-6001	REVERAND THICKNESS (24) (Show Time los Cream) A Bailey 5 9 12 S Sanders 15
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4.40 PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added

ь.		STO SI . CIESTLY VOICE ZINO
1		EASTERN PROPHETS (20) (D) Weser Racing Cub I) 1 J Naughton 9 7 Pat Eddory 9
2	325341.	TADED (197) (D) U R Cood) M Johnston 9 T
3	21000-0	NIGHT PARADE (USA) (19) (CD) IR E Sangstert P Chappie-Hyam 8 13
4	54031-0	POLLY COLICHTLY (47) (D) (David Spies) M Blanshard 8 7
5		PRIDE OF BRECON (18) (The Voce Group Lici G Lews 9 3
6		MESS BIGMIG (47) (D) (Bigmis Entertainments) ) Berry 9 3
7		DANDE FLYER (186) (D) (Dendeton Distribution) D Arbumnot 7 13, Darren Mottatt (3) 4
Ŕ		SECRET VOUCHER (24) (D) U R Smoto 9 Methonon 7 10
ă	12200-3	PLEASURE YOME (13) (D) (The Temple Bruers) C Smith 1 10
20	0.54409	DON'T TELL ANYONE (15) (D) (Tem His Communications) P Exces 7 10 Josep Wands (T)
-45	C-34-00	- 10 declared -

- 10 declared Linimum weight: 7st 10th, True handcap weights; Secret voucher 7st 9th, Pleasure Time 7st 7th, Don't Tell Anyone 6st 1th.
BETTRICE 5-2 Pride Of Bibton, 4-1 Eastern Prophets, 5-1 Tudon, 6-1 Night Parade, 8-1 Polly Gongaity, Pleasure Time, Secret Voucher, 10-1 Danie Flyer, 12-1 others
1995; Total Stranger 3 9 12 W Ryan 5-1 (Mrs. I. Piggot) 8 ran
FORM GUIDE
With his good early pace and a favourable low draw, PRIDE; OF BROTTON can lead and sta, m front until the fine, Geoff Lewes's cold was placed in both his starts as a heo-year-old and finished third of 14 behind Beldray Park at Folkestone in March on his reappearance, Pride Of Brotton ran Fond Embrace ta good winner yesterioty) to three parts of a length of the Innehmon on Faster Monday and was falle more than a length of file winner although only Of Briston ran Fond Embrace to good winner yesterday) to three parts of a length of Notingham on Baster Monday and was lattle more than a length of the winner although only 
severath of eight to Angaer at Thirst, where he mater most unto inside the final furfant, Night 
Parada, the only course winner running here today, must be feared. The Chapple-Hyamtrained cold, who gained that course victory a year age after finishing several on his debut, 
railled to reach B place in his four subsequent outings their but, they were all Group Times 
everus – the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot, July Stakes at Newmarket and the Molecomb at 
Goodwood. The US-bred was in front at the two-furfong pole in the Newmarket race and he 
will be cherry tipe for this after finishing several of 15 to Gaine on his return at Newmarket 
last month when he fidded after holding every chance two out. Eastern Prophets, who scored 
three times and finished second three times last term, not that at Evy last time and could 
go well with Pat Eddery booked, while last month's narrow Warnets wemen's Secret Voucherr, and Tarleo, who won twice and made the frame on eight occasions last form, should 
also be prominent.

26 CLASSIC LEADER (21) 5 West & 3 8 11 ........ A Maday !

60 GOOL LEE SHAY (10) R Whiteler 3 8 11.

PEP TALK RESAL H COOL 38 11.

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### JUMP RACING RESULTS

1. 10 rain, 8, 7, (ARS H Wright), Total £1.80; £1.30, £1.50, £2.20, Dual Forecast £2.30. Computer Straight Forecast £4.44. 2.30; £1 MERLIN'S LAD [Mr.] Culon) 9-

2: 2. Forest Feather 7-4 190: 3. Hadrach Oliver 9-1. 8 ren. 20, 10. (S. Shewson), Totes 53.40; £1.20, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £5.80. CSF: £7.26. 7ncast: £26.61, 3.30: 1. MOAT GARDEN (G. Bredley) 4-7 tay; 2. Handson 7-1; 3. Springfield Dancer 8-1. 7 ren. 5, 31/h. (I. Balding), 7ote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.40.

11.20, E1.90, DF; E3.80, CSF; E5.40, AQC 1 CHRIPOUR Mr Reherd White) 5-2 (aq. 2. Romany King 7-2; 3. Duchess Of Tubber 8-1. 8 ran. 1, 6. (V Darmat), Totas (3.30; £1.50, £1.20, £1.90, DF; £4.90, CSF; £1.41

13.00; £1.50; £1.20; £1.90; DF:14.50; GF: 11.41.

4.30: 1. MENTMORE TOWERS (A Butes)
5:1: 2. Lady Rebocus 16-1: 3. Another
Cockpit 10-1. 18 ran. 3-1 fav Stormy Pas-sage. Ho. 15; Mrs J Pirran). Tote: £6.60; £2.70; £4.80; £2.20. DF: £165.90. CSF: £91.50.

5.00: 1. BARRIER EXPRESS (Mr.) Con-

5.00: 1. BARRIER EXPRESS IN JOSEPH 13-1 fav; 2. Tremelli 12: 1; 2. Gregorio 16-1, 17 ran. 1/s, 6. (Mrss H Krught). Tota: £4.70; £2.10. £9.10, £4.80, DF: £28.20, CSF: £38.31. NR: Caringlord Gale, Placepot: £34.50. Quadqoot: £13.80. Place 6: £17.32. Place 5: £13.54.

FONTWELL 9 tor. 2. broar Cloud 33-1: 3. Byre Point 15-2. 4 tan. 3%, 13. (M Pipe), Fote: £1.30. DF; £3.60. CSF: £5.81. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.81.
2.30; 1. DIAMOND CUT 10 Bridgwater 21 lav; 2. Hostile Witness 9-2; 3. More Etils
25.1. 11 ran. 4, 14, M Papel. Tota; £2.90;
£1.60, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £6.90. CSF:

3.00: 1. POND NOUSE (D Bridgester) 9-4 ji-tav; 2. Pertamentarian 9-4 ji-tav; 3. Reboto 5-2. 8 ran. 10, 10. (M Pppe). Tota: £2.70; £1.60, £1.60, DF: £3.20. CSF: £7.47. NR: Full Of Tocks. 3.30: 1. POLDEN PRIDE IA P McCoyl 6-5 fav. 2. Drumstick 9 4; 3. Master Come-dy 50 1. 5 ram. 4, 17, 16 Batong). Total 11 90; £1.30, £1.80, DF: £2.30, CSF:

4.00: 1. PUNCH'S HOTEL ID O'Sullivan) 4.00: 1. PUNCH'S HOTEL ID O'Sulband 6-4; 2. Sanagger's Point 10-11 far; 3. Miss. Pimpersol 14: 1. 4 ra. 7, 1.4, IR Rowe, Total £2.40. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.25. 4.30: 1. £1. DON IK Gaulei 50-1; 2. Bon Voyage 9: 2. 3. Santelle Boy 14: 1. 21 ran. 2-1 fav Harmiton Silv. (6th). 2. 3. IM Ryan). Total: £106.00: £16.60, £1.90, £3.60. DF: £1.670.90. CSF: £263.70. NR: Maronena. Placepot: £74.30. Quadpot: £18.80. Place 6: £50.42. Place 6: £39.88.

2.30: 1 REYOND OUR REACH (T Das-2.50: I. RETUND OUR REPORT (1 DE-combet 11.2; 2. Kaltari 2-1 p. fax; 3. Dis-tant Horner 12-1.6 ran, 2.1 p. fax Highest Roots, 21th, 34th, (R Hodges), Total £6,30; £1-90, £1.20, £1.70. OF: £7.30, CSF; £7.823

3.05: 1. FAUSTING IR Furranti 8-11 (av. 3.05: 1. FALISTING IR Furrant 8-11 (20):
2. Americius 33-1; 3. Nessest 3-1. 7 (20):
2. Americius 33-1; 3. Nessest 3-1. 7 (20):
3-2: 5. (20): 1. (20 COST £487.41.
4.05: 1 MULTY IR Durwoody 7-4 tav. 2.
7-4:05: 1 MULTY IR Durwoody 7-4 tav. 2.



£1,20, £2,30, DR £3,10, CSP, £4.64. 5.05: 1 BIRADOR (S MONO) 14-1; 2. Tep On Tootale 4-1; 3. MRXDORRIG 14-1; 2. Tep On Tootale 4-1; 3. MRXDORRIG 3-1 fiv. 8 mm. 3, 1½, (R Curts), Total: 518-50; 53.00, 5140, 51.40, 51.40, Dr. 530.50, CSP £64.48. The cast £155.49. MR: One More Direc. One More Dime (14-1) withdrawn not under starters or-ders. Rule 4 applies to board prices only, de-

> ce 6: £33.67. Place 5: £19.08. SOUTHWELL \$40.11 HVELL
> 2.30: 1. LOBSTER COTTAGE (A Thorron)
> 11:2: 2. Rainbow Walk 8-1; 3. Burguish 251, 8 ren. 9-4 fay Hospie Act (447), 7, 12. (K
> Bolley), Tober £6.40; £1.90. £1.90. £7.80.
> DP: £46.60. CSF: £42.17. Tricost: £893.68.

NR: Bentley Manor. 3.00: 1. SOLOMAN SPRINGS (R DINIS)

S.-S. L. MUNICH DEAL IN WORKEN S-2 for, 2. Lady Blokenry 10-1; 3. See Break-er 10-1. 8 ran. 10, nk. (P Broden). Tota: £3.60; £1.50, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £15.00. CSF: £25.04. Tricast: £196.65. NR: Bavard 4.00: 1. GOVERNOR DANIEL (Michael

4.00: 1. GDVERNOR. DANIEL (Michael Brennan) 7-4 far; 2. Raphael Bodine 4-1; 3. Tales Cover 5-1. 12 ran. 4, ½, ½ 0'Shes). Tota: 63-20: 52-20, 52-70, 52-00. Dr. £4-40. CSF: £11.76. 4.30: 1. RUDU'S PRIDE (N Smith) 100-30: 100 pre 11-2; 3. Weather Aiert. 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 6, 5, 15 Bell). Tota: £3.60: £1.70, £2.20. £1.60. DF: £6.50. CSF: £20: 95. NRF: £3.60 Ran. Watchiam Witch. 520.85. NRs: Galaxy Rown, Watsham Witch. 5.00: 1. TALLYWAGGER (J Calegharu 11-4 far; 2. Plato's Republic 7-2; 3. Tim Sol-4 fay; 2. Plato's Repulse: 7-2; 3. In Servider; 11-1, 12 ran, 144, 12. (6 M Moors). Total: £3.10; £1.30, £2.00, £2.80, Df: £12.40, CSF; £13.13; Thesast £88.78, Phacepot £152.70. Quadrot £15.10. Place 6: £307.86. Place 5: £45.59.

TOWCESTER TONICESTER

2.20: 1. SWING LIDER'D Symme) 12: 2. Masson Dixos 25:1; 3. Logis 6-1. 13: ran. 3-1 fav. Johber's Fidde. 2, 3. (A Blackmore). Totas: £16.60; £3.80. £10.70, £2.50. DF: £634.80. CSF: £250.99.

2.50: 1. PERSIAN TACTICS (J. Magne) 7-4; 2. Real Glae evens (av. 3. Massabout-thehouse 5-1.5 ran. £1.4. (K Balley). Rotes 270; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.93.

3.20: 1. CATS RUIN (J. Rean) 7-4 fav. 2.

3.20: 1. CATS RUN U Ryani 7-4 fev. 2. Cambo 6-1: 3. Abbe Player 10-1, 6 ram. No. 16, U Upson). Tobe: £2.20; £1.30, £2.40. DF: £6,00, CSF: £11.38. DF: £6.00. CSF: £11.38. 3.50: 1. MONUS JAY 0 Lawrence) 5-2; 2. Sertorius 11.8 lay: 3. Truss 16-1. 6 ran. Nt, 10. fg Thorner). Totat: £3.50; £1.50. £1.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.28. Trusst: CORE on Little Adultion Visions diffe.

E1.40. LP: E2.70. LSF: ED-26. Incast £36.29. NRS: Achibbute, Young Affe. 4.20: 1. BEAU DANDY (Ar 1 Marks) 11-3 kev. 2. Bathwick Bobble 11.4; 3. Tea Geo Key 10-1. 7 mm. 24c. 10. Ales C Saunders. Tobe: £2.00; £1.50, £1.90, DF: £3.20. CSF: 4.50: 1. GLENGARRIF GIRL (D Walsh) 8-

11 tar; 2. Summer Haven 25-1; 3. Saconnin 6-1, 6 ran. 2½, 10. (M Pipe). Tota: £1.80; £1.50, £6.10. 05; £11.50. CSF: £18.03. NR:

Place 6: £22.11. Place 5: £2.57. Martin Pipe, who has a virtual-

ly unassailable lead in the National Hunt trainers' championship, extended his lead yesterday with a troble at Fontwell through Lemon's Mill, Diamond Cut and Pond House, while Glengarrif Girl also won for him at Towcester. Jim Culloty recorded a troble at Exeter, while Kim Bailey was on the mark at Ludlow and Southwell. Flat results, page 18



# DONCASTER

6,00 Poly Moon 6.30 Ochos Rios 7.00 Hoh Returns 7.30 Ela-Yie-Mou 8.00 Victory Bound 8,30 Swift Malden

GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Straight course - stands' side; Round course - inside; Roand mile -- outside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low mumbers best on round mile.

k-iwad, pear-shaped course with 1 mile sursigits.
recourse is east of town oil the A638 (M19 Jens 3 & 4). But ink from Doncaster Central radway station (served by London, King's Cross), ADMISSION: Club £14; Grandstand 58; Parolly Enclosure er-16s free all enclosures). CAR PARK: Fre

RLINKERED FIRST TIME: Paronomasia (8.30), Absolutely Ab-WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN OAYS: In The Money (7.30) won al Wohrshampton on Thursday. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Miswaki Duncer (8.30) has been

sent 224 miles by Lady Herries from Angmering Park, West Sussex Classic Services (6.00) sent 203 miles by 9 Palling from 7 stradowen 6.00 CAPRICORN SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 240 5f

C21 CONTERNATIVE (25) (D) / Barry 6 13 \_\_\_\_\_ / Centrolf 9
8 CLASSIC SERVICES (23) 9 Polling 8 11 \_\_\_\_\_ / Sprake 1
02 GROWEFAIR FLYER (10) 8 Mechen 8 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Trobbut 2
BRIVER REMD J Notion 9 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Delia Gibson 3
SUFER SELENT MW Existed 8 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Delia Gibson 3
SUFER SELENT MUM A Research 8 11 \_\_\_\_\_ OP Parkin (5) 9
REASURE TOUCH A RESEARCH SELENT SELE

6.30 BEACHCOMBER HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 7f 

um weight: 7st 10th, True handloop weight: Cheerlul Groom 7st 5th, Pageszo Gy 13/b. BETTINE: 6-1 Awasses Ventura, Superpride, 13-2 Octos Rice, 7-1 Darcy Bunsel, 13-5 Speamore Lodge, 6-1 Special-K, 10-1 Dazzee, 12-1 Kid Ory. 14-1 Alabang, 16-1 citics

7.00 McGREGOR CORY LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £7,000 added 3YO 61 

52134-0 SONIC MAIL (19) K McAnife 8 11 ... 521- THORDIS (196) (D) P M30n 8 11 ... Hoofs, Thordis, 6-1 Sonic Mail. 20-1 Augus McC 7.30 DONCASTER SPONSORSHIP SKY

M Featon 3

W J O'Connor 7

05320-6 HON RETURNS (21) M Bel 8 11 ...

20426-6 NO MORREY NUTS (17) (0) J Berry 8 11.

10 000-210 HAYA YA XEFAAH (33) (CD) N Bothago 4 89... 

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. Neurollan weight: Island Cascade 7st 20th.
BETTING: 9-3 Tulu, 5-3. Ea-Ye-Neu, 5-3. In the Money, Fighting Those,
1 Green Land, Outstayed Welcomo, 8-1 filing Of Vision, 10-1 others

8.00 MAURITIUS MILE MAIDEN SKY added 1m

8.30 PORT LOUIS HANDICAP (CLASS SKY 00/0- TIRLIE (397) J Payne 4 9 6 

# NEWTON ABBOT

1.55 Ottowa 2.25 Jurz 2.55 James The First 3.25 Lady Peta 3.55 Southerly Gale 4.25 Country Store GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places).

Left-hand, sharp, course with short run-in.

Respective is worth of town on ASSO, Newton Abhoe railway station (served by bondon, Paddington) is less than one mile away.

ADMISSION: Tattersells 88.60; Silver Ring & Paddock \$4. CAR

BLINERED PERST TIME: I'm Toby (4.25). Dr Rocket (visored, 2,55), World Express (visored, 3.25). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Coxwell Stoptoo (3.35) wen at Enter on Wednesday.

LONG-DISTANCE EUTNIESE: Pata Minstrel (2.55) has been sent
209 miles by E Champion from Newmarinet, Soffolic, Bee Dee Boy
(4.26) sent 210 miles by P Clarke from Ashburnhem, East Sussex.

1.55 FOSTERS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) 

~ 10 declared -Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Will I Ry 9st 1110. Sticky Microrey Set 66, Daving Berigh Set 120.
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END OF AN ERA: The RFU's moratorium on professionalism expires today. Steve Bale, Rugby Union Correspondent, considers the implications of the new order while Dai Llewellyn (below) looks at the impact of the change on leading clubs"

# So farewell, then, the amateur game

At the Cafe Royal, London today. English club rugby union will symbolically pass into the professional age when the end of the Rugby Football Union's moratorium begins the scramble for the players and the mil-lions of pounds supposedly needed to make a success of the new dispensation.

That Richmond have chosen a venue more readily recognised in sport for its boxing connection for their announcement - perm two or three from Ben Clarke, Scott Quinnell, Mike Catt, Abdel Benazzi, Laurent Cahannes and a host of others - is not the least of the ironics of the impossibly turbulent situation. That it is Richmond, most recently of the Third Division. who are making it is another. So all of a sudden money, with

which rugby union has had an equivocal relationship ever since it started coining the stuff in

### Clubs who do not have enough money are about to find out the hard way

sponsorships while denying the players these fruits of their abours, talks. Those clubs who do not have enough - quite possibly including some of the giants of the game - are about to find that out the hard way. For an innately conservative sport, this is unalloyed Thatcherism. Market forces also explain

why England's First Division clubs have been pushing so hard in their infinitely redious dispute with the RFU. Richmond have now made it to the Second Division, which is also where well-heeled Saracens and Newcastle will reside oext season, always presuming Saracens really are relegated.

Many First Division clubs even those of the distinction of Bath and Leicester, who cootested but gained only a modest return from the £1.2m Pilkington Cup final - do not have the access to corporate finance of their hitherto lesser brethren and therefore, probably commencing with Clarke today, are ripe for cherry-picking. Consequently, they are in effect asking the RFU, which will be reluctant to be emollient as long as Cliff make available the resources to - which may well be never. prevent this happening.



Final fling: Bath and Leicester contested the Pilkington Cup final last Saturday, but the clubs received very little money for their efforts

both its purity and its soul are new "yalues" that will - al-England cootracts explicitly uncomfortable and unchangeready do - inform players' judgethough how pure or soulful it has lately been is a matter of debate able fact that clubs' status and ments of where to play. In these - but it has gained something success will no longer rest soleprofessional times that boils ly on the many fine but abstract down to "security", a cuphemism for responding to the highest hid-der. In Gareth Llewellyn's case

> Glyn's Wasps; and less affluent Neath are the luckless losers. From today we should forget the familiar trumpery about changing clubs for "a oew challenge", another euphemism hung over from the days when rughy league clubs were wont to sign up peourious Welshmen:

money, pure and simple.

else, an unlikely and certainly unusual degree of honesty. Anyway, when a professional commitment is demanded of its participants this is Harlequins, in brother it is only fair that they earn a professional reward.

This was recognised long ago, however surreptitiously, in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, which may explain how contrastingly easy the transition has been there. Believe it or not, it was recognised, too, by the RFU this very seasoo these lads are moving for the when they granted contracts to members of the England squad.

broke the "seamless" principle - the so-called opeo game applying to all and to be interpreted by each and every club as they deem appropriate - on

which the union has hung its approach to professionalism. So for Britile to complain, as he has, that the major clubs' demand for the control of and finance from their own competitions would entail an unravelling of this seamlessness is both contradictory and unsustainable. In the great meritocracy of the Courage Clubs' Championship, it will remain open to the lowest in the land by merit to join the greatest.

quired through cash-in-hand rather than any intrinsic quality, and it is undeniable that many in English rugby who will forever be utterly untouched by profes-sionalism cannot stand the thought that anyone might be paid for anything. If nothing else, this year's two RFU special gen-

results - can henceforth be ac-

eral meetings in Birmingham showed the depth of this feeling. The problem for the RFU is that, seamless or otherwise, professionalism divides the game into two, professional and amateur, or three if you add a semiprofessional stratum, though the point is that players and clubs are perfectly capable of moving

Photograph: Peter Jay Doubtless the de facto divide

how professionalism is to be fi-

is where the RFU under Brit-

tle has gone so badly awry - in being overconcerned with its duty of care for the 2,000 clubs and organisations who make up the union when it was only the top few dozen for whom anyhing in practice had changed.
"The game of rugby football is not about a few individuals or a few individual clubs at the top end of the game," Brittle said

Nor, moreover, is there the slightest threat in all this to those who have enjoyed their coarse rugby down the years. The professionalism that Richmond herald today represents the future, however imperfect. The idea that the junior clubs are oatural hedfellows with Richmond is the past.

So let us prepare ourselves for a frenzy of activity, of more clubs selling themselves (selling out?) to business backers and a veritable paroxysm of transfer activity - though there has been nothing to stop any of these during the eight months of the moratorium. Richmond, indeed, have already signed Cardiff's Adrian Davies and Andy Moore.

Only last Thursday Wasps were unveiling a Cardiff player of more venerable vintage, Mike Griffiths. But this announcement was a timely demonstration that the nascent professionalism of

### They are moving for the money, pure and simple. And who can blame them?

players - Griffiths will be on a handsome £210,000 over three years - is not necessarily matched by the professionalism

How curious that in this respect rugby union can still have so much to learn from its former self, from the old volunteers who would devote themselves un-stinningly in a designedly unpaid cause. Wasps, on the other hand, hired a company ("Specialists in Press and Public Relations") to handle the news of Griffiths.

So profound was Complete Golf & Leisure's knowledge of creates many problems for ad-ministrators, but the most ur-gent one has been, and still is, the game that it managed to spell Griffiths' name wrong in each of four mentions and was nanced and managed, and this three years too optimistic in his age. Damian Hopley, who has been with the club rather longer, became Damien.

If this is professionalism give me amateurism, because John Gasson, the stalwart but honorary specialist who expertly handled Wasps press and public relations for more years than he would care to remember, would oever have got it wrong. "The time has come for a oew in a television interview. Quite era in rugby football," Richwhich may well be never. may be a matter of profound re- But, prudent though the club The difference is that merit - between the three whether or professional game of rugby foot- Royal portentously reads. On But it is unavoidable that there gret that rugby union has lost moratorium may have been, the or put another way, playing not they are officially recognised. hall is about precisely that. and off the field, I only hope.

# THE CLUB SCENE: WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT IN THE CHANGING WORLD OF RUGBY UNION

### **BATH**



Airning to raise £10m over next five years after mem-bers voted to turn club into a public limited company with corporate Investors. Plans for £10m purposebuilt stadium. Wage bill expected to be around £1.5m for first two years. Expect to have around 12 full-time professionals at start of next season. Struggling to keep top names. Comings and goings: Expect to lose Clarke to Richmond. Moseley want

### BRISTOL



Looking to raise £900,000-£1m from share issue to members to help wipe out mortgage of £300,000 on Memorial Ground and £200,000 overdraft. Next season will earn £100,000 per season in rent from Bristol Rovers FC (four-year deal with five-year extensior, option). Bristol and West Building Society backing has allowed club to introduce an incentive scheme for players from next season. Wage hill expected to be around £800,000. Comings and goings: Awaiting decision to stay from England scrum-half Kyran Bracken.

### **GLOUCESTER**



qualities that have, to take the

most prominent example, carried

Bath to 10 cup wins and five

league titles in little more than

This is oot to say loyalty, es-prit de corps, reserves of deter-

mination, courage, commitment

and all the rest of the cliches will

count for nothing. On the con-trary, many of us who have ad-

miringly watched Bath during

these years of plenty will believe

the theory of their imminent

SGM expected soon for approval to become limited company. Ambitious plans for £15m purpose-built stadium, incorporating a casino. The new complex

would provide vital revenue. Looking for new main sponsor as Worthington deal ends. Expect wages bilt of around £650,000, but only half a dozen players expected to be full-time. Others will be advised to stay parttime. Comings and goings: Lining up the former Bath and England No 8 Dave Egerton as coach. England lock Richard West probably moving to Richmond.

### HARLEQUINS



Following £1.5m deal with Japanese electronics firm NEC they will now he known as NEC Harlequins of London. Expected to an-

nounce major corporate backer, who will be given shares in club but not a controlling interest for an investment of around £2.5m. Wage bill rumoured to hit the £1.9m mark; Carling is said to have been offered between £300,000 and £500,000 to keep him at club until 1999. Comings and goings: Have signed the Wales lock Gareth Llewellyn.

### LEICESTER



Looking for wealthy minority shareholders to take a stake in the club, but as yet nothing concrete has been decided. Chief executive Peter Wheeler has

had talks with Irish millionaire Tony O'Reilly. Likely to need at least £2.5m share capital. With the largest membership 14,000 - a decision to increase fees from £48 to £90 will also raise healthy revenue. Comings and goings: England flanker Neil Back still considering his options. Looking to employ 12-15 full-time pros.

### **NEWCASTLE**



First club to go public, with some £3m of Sir John Hall's vast fortune over three years. With the Newcastle United sporting sta-ble to draw on the club is

already earning income from merchandising. Comings and goings: Rob Andrew has spent around £750,000 on quality players and is expected to announce another big name signing shortly, possibly France's precociously talented threequarter Thomas Castaignède. The club will have to service a total wage bill of around £1m as things stand. Whole squad wilt be full-time.

### NORTHAMPTON



Millionaire Keith Barwell made an Initial injection of £1m but promised more cash would be made available. A further £400,000 is held on trust on behalf

of the membership. Unlikely to maintain more than half a dozen full-time players. Wage bill around £600,000 to 800,000. Comings and goings: Expected to attract some big name signings, possibly Olivier Roumat and Abdelatti Benazzi.

# **ORRELL**



The proposed ground sharing scheme with Wigan has been ditched and instead the club intends to devel-op its existing site at Edge Hall Road, Outline plans in-

clude a new all-seater stand and new floodlights. There is no talk of going public and lights. There is no talk of going public and launching a share Issue to raise capital, but the club owns everything and would have collateral to raise loans when needed. Comings and goings: Recently signed France Botica, from the rugby league club Castleford, for a rumoured £50,000. The deal for the former All Stark would have to be for the former All Black would have to be financed by the broadcasting share-out. No thoughts of maintaining a full-time squad.

### RICHMOND



Ashley Levett's £2.5m investment is being underwritten by the signing of numerous top drawer players. Looking into plans for

Nigel Wray's £2.5m has helped attract Michael Ly-

new stadium which would provide additional revenue. If they fail in that, Richmond may ground share with a football club. Likely to have 12-15 full time pro-fessionals initially. Comings and goings: An announcement that Bath's Ben Clarke has joined them is expected today, along with Scott Quinnell from Wigan. Mike Catt may follow along with Benazzi of France. Adri-an Davies and Andy Moore are there already.

### **SARACENS**



nagh, Philippe Sella, tre-land's Eddie Halvey and Wales' Tony Copsey. They beefed up an already talented squad but still have to get back into the top flight. Ground sharing with ICIS Premier side Enfield until a new £5m com-plex is completed. Likely to have a core of around 10 full-timers and a wage hill of more than £1m. Comings and goings: The talented Diprose, Hill and Chesney certain to stay. More signings are expected.

### **WASPS**



approve plans to raise at least £2.5m on the Alternative investment Market at an EGM on 28 May. Work begins this summer

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on the redevelopment of the ground. Expect to have around a dozen full time players at the start and a wage bill in excess of £1m. Comings and goings: Suffered loss of key players when Andrew took Ryan, Bates et al to Newcastle, but the present crop of youngsters, including Laurence Dallaglo, pulled things around. Won race for signature of Alex King, and more signings

### **WEST HARTLEPOOL**



Ostensibly the poor relations of the North-east, relegated pointless from Division One in a season which saw eight players, in-cluding captain Stimpson

head north to Newcastle and Scotland captain Wainwright return to his motherland. A new 10,000-seater stadium is to be built, courtesy of the local council. Comings and goings: The chairman, Philip Yuill, has supplied cash to bring Ring, Moseley and Sil-

# I was beginning to feel pleased with having got ahead of Michael at the start when 'twoosh!', a red and white car suddenly came alongside. 'That'll be David,' I thought too much and yet I couldn't drive too so, you get knocked about quite a bit. that we are likely to face stiff com-

The San Marino Grand Prix was sig-nificant because it was the first time this season that the Roth-mans Williams-Renault team had not been dominant during qualifying. It was clear from the word go that Ferrari was going to provide tough competition and that proved to be the case. It was therefore all the more gratifying to win on Sun-day; it had been a very tough test for the entire team and we came

through with flying colours.
With Michael Schumacher starting from pole position and likely to give us a difficult time, we had to think long and hard about tactics. It was essential to work effectively as a team while doing our calculations and making plans, and for that reason. I'm really pleased that we came out on top. There was a tremendous sense of satisfaction. We had been working towards this over the winter and here was the chance to prove clear that this was actually a very much. At the end of the first lap, I pace, I couldn't afford to drop back to brace yourself very firmly, but even not that much slower, an indication

that the Williams-Renault learn has got everything it needs: the best personnel and the right mentality to tackle a race such as this.

We chose the perfect tactic by running a tong slint - almost up to half distance - before making the first of two pit stops. The tactic was devised by the team after detailed examination of all our options. t must admit t had my doubts at first. Fifteen minutes before the race was about to start, I was still in the debrief room going through it with Adrian Newcy, the chief designer, to make sure the plan was plausible.

The new strategy obviously posed many pros and cons. On halance it made sense, although I have to say it would have been very easy to bottic out and adopt the familiar tactle of stopping at one-third and then two-thirds distance. But the more I thought about it, the more it became

good plan. I was helped by the fact that the car had been great during the morning warm-up. Although we didn't get it right during qualifying, we had established a good set-up on the car for the race. I was very confident going to the grid.

t was beginning to feel pleased with having got ahead of Michael at the start, when "twoosh!", a red and white car suddenly came alongside. "That'll be David," I thought. Sure enough, David Coulthard, repeating his great start from the previous Sunday in Germany, went steaming into the lead. I woodered how long he could maintain the lead with so much competition from behind.

A more immediate problem con-

cerned my brakes; I had to be care-

ful in the early laps because of the

extra weight of the car due to the

full load of fuel for that long stint,

did not make a very good exit from the last corner. Schumacher, who was running with less fuel on board, was able to challenge going into the next corner. I gave him a bit of clearance to go through, in the knowledge that if I could stick with the Ferrari, then I had to be in with a shout. It and yet I was loath to drop back too was very difficult to judge the best ically hard on the driver. You have

ter the tyres or wear out my brakes. After a few laps I found a good rhythm and began to push harder and harder. I was in communication with the team throughout the entire race; plenty of discussion over the radio as to what was going on and who was where. We knew the critical period would be between Schu-

macher disappearing into the pits at

one-third distance and the subse-

quent 10-lap gap to my first stop.

I had to give it everything and try
to eke out an advantage while I had a lighter fuel load. I set the fastest lap of the race, but I bad one or two momeots when the car nearly got away from me. Although I was very close to the limit, I don't believe I was ever forced to go to the maximum. Imola is a very bumpy track; it is phys-

There are a lot of very fast entries to extremely tricky sections, which means it is easy to make a mistake. On top of that, I had taken off

quite a hit of wing angle. That meant the car felt very light while cornering, but it was faster in a straight line. I didn't want to struggle while trying to pass hackmark-ers as I had to in Germany the previous week, although on one occasion traffic cost me a bit of time, which I could ill afford because I knew it was going to be very, very close when I rejoined after my pit

Stop.
The pit stop was perfect and I got out just ahead of the Ferrari, but I had the beoefit of new tyres. Our fuel loads were now similar and I knew from my experience in the early laps that I should be able to stay in control. In fact, Schumacher was

petition from Ferrari for the rest of the season. Gradually the gap opened and, later on, luck was on our side when I had a clear track and Michael was held up by the battle between Mika Hakkinen and Pedro

We were brilliant as a team and we did the right thing all the way along the line and my fourth win of the season has put me back on the right course for the championship. I have to admit, however, that the title will not be my prime thought when we go to Monte Carlo in two weeks' time.

Monaco stands alone as the greatest test a racing driver can face in his career and the Williams-Renault team has not won there since 1983 with Keke Rosberg. Fvc never won there, despite the fact my father won it five times. I have my sights set on victory in this race.





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# New tickets on sale for England v Scotland

MARK BURTON

The Euro 96 organising committee has dug deep to find ex-tra tickets for England's group matches at Wembley, and the 1.000 or so additional seats will

be available from this morning. The decision to set Uefa's perimeter advertising hoardings lower in the ground has opened up the view, and as a result, johnny-come-latelys will ont only now be able to get into

But the 29-year-old try-scor-

ing sensation should be fit to

face rugby union's double win-ners Bath at Maine Road in the

first leg which will be played un-

Offiah is eager to play against Bath, saying: "It's another big stage and a lot of people will be

watching, not only from rugby

league but also from rugby

union as well. There will be a

lot of people interested in the

clude ex-All Black Va'aiga Tu-

igamala and former Welsh

rugby union international for-

ward Scott Quinnell, who has

been strongly linked receotly

with a permanent return to unino with Courage League

Second Division Richmand,

and an announcement could be

made within the oext few days.

Shaun Edwards, the Wigan captain, is another relishing the Bath games, and he said. "I

feel privileged just to be in-volved in this. There has been

hear the last of it.

nn 25 May.

time since 1987.

Wigan said yesterday that 20,000 tickets had already been

sold for tomorrow's game and

officials are hoping there could vet be a 32,000 sell-out at Maine Road. All 82 executive boxes

have been sold, while all 120

have already gone for the rug-

It has been reported that the

by unioo return at Twickenham

two games could bring in revenue of £2m. Whatever Wigan

do make will be particularly wel-

come after their failure to get

to Wembley this year for the first

Wigner (probable): Radinsk; Robinson, Tulgaresia, Connolly, Olish; Psul, Edwards; Cowe, Hell, O'Con-nor, Quinnell, Cassidy, Ferrell, Selbetitates (from):

The Wigan side will also in-

nutcome of both games."

der League rules,

the previously "sold out" England encounter with Scotland on 15 June, or the Wembley matches against the Netherlands and Switzerland, but also could find themselves with a front row seat.

Given that from today, supporters can obtain seats for individual quarter and semi-final games without occding to buy tickets for three different group games, all those who paid out for series of tickets two years in advance might feel rather miffed.

The Euro 96 media relations manager, Alec McGivan, confirmed that repositioning ad- Manchester City, had a message vertising boards "means we can release an extra row or two nf seats around the stadium. We are only talking about a thousand or so seats for each game."

On the lifting of other pur-chasing restrictions, he said: We always said that in the last few weeks before the tournament any remaining quarter and semi-final tickets available would be sold on a restrictionfree basis. We are not expecting them to last long."

yesterday for anyone who might have thought that, following relegation. Georgi Kinkladze's stay at Maine Road would not be lasting much longer.

"Georgi has been a breath of fresh air in the English game and you can forget all the sto-ries about him being whisked away to some hig-money club," Lee said. "Some of the things he does with the ball take your breath away." So will some of the offers Lee will no doubt g them to last long."

the offers Lee will no doubt might be on their way out as serves. The veteran will have Francis Lee, the chairman of have dangled in front of him to First Division football beckons. talks with manager Joe Royle

tempt him to part with the Georgian midfielder.

However, if the club did wish to build up some funds, there are plenty of other candidates for the market-place. The German Uwe Rösler and his striking partner Niall Quinn have not always seemed to see eye-to-eye with City's manager, Alan Ball, and others, like the Republic of Ireland's Alan Kernaghan, Scotland's Gerry Creaney and the German Michael Frootzeck even if he ends up in the re-

Bolton Wanderers, who face the same readjustment, will have to make it without the help of Ian Porterfield, who anexpertedly decided not to continue as assistant in Bolton's manager, Colin Todd. The Scot had been on a short-term contract, but was likely to have been

offered another deal. A new two-year contract is likely to satisfy the Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall,

Southamptoo are apparent ly willing to negotiate with any one who wants to luvest money in them. The club's director of football, Lawrie McMenemy thinks a cash injection is needed if the club is to avoid a peren nial relegation battle.

Soothampton's match receipts are limited by being at the 15,000-capacity Dell, and they are awaiting a decision from the local council on plans to move to a larger stadium.

# gets his timing right

Cycling ROBIN NICHOLL

Chris Newton broke the last-day deadlock to win the Thwaites Grand Prix five-day race, his first major road-racing success of 1996 and his last until the

Olympics are over. Newton started the final day nf the 345-mile race in the yellow jersey of race leader. He left Blackburn oo the 84-mile stage level on time with Joe Bayfield, who had wiped out a 34-second deficit nn Newton in Saturday's stages at Accrington.

Less than two miles into ves-terday's race, Newton eased the pressure by earning a two-second bonus at an intermediate sprint. He later doubled it at annther sprint where the first three earned time deductions from their aggregate race times.

Those four seconds proved enough to beat Bayfield. "I was really nervous," Newton said. "Usually I am full of banter, but I was quiet no Saturday night. I kept going through all the bad points thinking what might go wrong. I just had in go for the bonuses. After that first sprint, our team was feeling positive

again once I had that gap."
Newton, 22, from Middleshrough, pulled out of a sports science degree course in concentrate on his racing. "It's almost impossible to write a final dissertation and go to the Olympics," he said. Now he turns in the 4,000 metres pur-suit, a track discipline which should take him to the Atlanta

plines next week when he joins his Danish team-mates for the mountain bike Tour of Britain.

"I just came for the ride, I was certainly oot going for the overegs when Newton contested the first sprint and I knew then that I had had my chances of over-

Jon Clay, who until Bayfield's emergence had been Newton's chief concern. Behind him, in the seething mass of riders. Newton punched the air in triumph and relief at the end of



Games. Bayfield, too, switches disci-

"Until I was 18, I only cycled for fun," Bayfield said. The 23-yearold has tried all facets of racing and was "guesting" for the Gill Airways team in the Thwaites

all victory."

Chris Lillywhite was ready to raise a glass to his victory in the final stage outside the sponsors' brewery. "I have oot beeo rid-ing so well this year," said the winner of the grand prix in 1989 and 1995. "Hopefully, this is the first of many wins to come."

In an uphill finish, he beat nff a harrowing 24 hours.

### **Eager** Offiah fit to face **Bath** Rugby League Champinns Wigan yesterday showed just how serinusly they are taking their historie crosscode challenges against Bath by naming their strongest available squad, including Martin Offiah, for tomorrow's first showdown. Offiah, one nf Wigao's exgigby union stars, has been out of action for more than a month after breaking a small bone in his back during his side's Super League defeat at St Helens on Good Friday.

Sackable offense: Jerry Drake of the London Monarchs sacks Kelly Holcomb, the Barcelona quarterback, at White Hart Lane yesterday

# Dragons do the slaying in a comedy of errors

**NICK HALLING** London Monarchs Barcelona Dragons

A lot of bigotry in rugby union against rugby league in the past 100 years, whether it's a class thing I doo't know.

"Certainly, these games can prove a lot of things. We've got to worry about how good we are The London Monarchs lost their third contest of the season oo the night, oot how good Bath are. If we are at our best, the rest after an ugly, error-strewn game will look after itself. If we don't at White Hart Lane vesterday. They were beaten by the do well no Wednesday and Bath Barcelona Dragons before a happen to beat us, we'd never crowd of 13,000.

Dragons improved their record to two wins and two defeats, both teams will have to perform much better than this if they are to reach next mouth's World Bowl.

The Monarchs opened the scoring with less than two minotes remaining in the first half, the quarterback Frank Costa throwing a 51-yard touchdown pass to Tony Vinson in one of the Mooarchs' few effective offensive plays of the game.

field goals of 28, 44 and 20 yards lowing a botched snap. from Scott Szeredy, the final one coming with just over a minute remaining to seal the visitors win.

Other than that, it was a tale of spluttering offenses and a catalogue of special teams' bowlers. It started early, when the Barcelona quarterback Kelly Holcomb threw an interception, the running back Terry Wilburn fumbled and Szeredy over, and when Scott took the and perhaps that was on his a tough loss."

The Dragons' kicker had an unusual game. The Kansas City Chiefs player also missed a sim-ple 29-yard field goal with five minutes remaining, only to suc-cessfully convert the game win-ner when it mattered. "This was just a crazy thing," said Bar-celona's head coach, Jack Bicknell. "When we missed that field goal I really thought it was

His counterpart, Lionel Tay-lor, having enjoyed good fortune against the Rhein Fire on his dobut last week, saw his luck run out Londoo's kicker, Roger Ruzek, failed with a 51-yard kick, but the crucial difference came with the punting unit. Sonny Feerico, who had kicked well, had a punt blocked by Chris Crooms in the first half

It was grim stuff, and while the Barcelona responded with failed to convert a field goal fol- last one I couldn't bear to mind when he dropped the ball late in the game to give Barcelona possession on London's 10-yard line. From there.

even Szeredy could not miss.
"Last week we got away with mental mistakes, but this week they just caught up with us," Taylor said. "Sonny simply mishandled the punt, and that's all it took. I don't suppose it will ever happeo again, but it happened today, and that makes it 

# Biela confirms Audi's superiority with a blistering fightback

Motor racing GWYN DOLPHIN

If evidence was ever needed in prove the dominance of the eigning touring car world champion, Frank Biela and his Audi A4, then the German provided it on the sweeps of Thronton vesterday.

It was not just his camer to victory in the fifth round of the

British Touring Car Champi-onship, ahead of his team-mate John Bintcliffe, which reinforced the dominance. He impressed the crowd of 20,000 by charging to third place in the sixth round.

That in itself does not seem so impressive. However, Biela had crashed his car in Saturday's qualifying, badly damaging the chassis, and was forced to start from the back of the field.

safety car, called out after Steve Robertson's Ford crashed, bunched up the field on the second lap. But the German need-ed little assistance. From 20th place on the first lap, he was up to sixth place by halfway through the race and proceeded to reel in the leaders. By that stage, the BMW driver Josephin Winkel-

His cause was helped when a finish, but Biela had his eyes set on third place.

That position was occupied by the reigning BTCC champion Juhn Cleland's Vauxball, whn produced the drive of the first race by finishing fourth behind the Audis and the Volvo driver Rickard Rydell. Cleland's Vanxhall held him off until two lass from home, when hock was leading his team-mate
Robertn Ravagila in a one-two traction to storm past.

"The key for me were the two fast corners at the back of the track. I made up so much time nn everybody there," Biela, the

championship leader, said. With his compatriot Winkelhock winning the race, the German duo made it six wins from six races and increased the calls from rival teams for weight to be added to the rear and fourwheel-drive cars.

Renault's Alain Menu was

race and then thundered off the circuit at high speed while chas-ing Binteliffe. Although he was unhurt, his car was out of action for the day.

Rydell claimed third place in the fifth round, but a failed gamble with his tyres dropped him to eighth place in the second race, behind Binteliffe who soun when contesting sixth place with Tim Harvey.

### TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of São Paulo players who were sent off during their Brazilian championship game with Aracatuba at the weekend. The club's coach was also shown the red card at half-time for protesting at the dismissal of one of his players.

stretched Christina Toth to a fourth game

### Peters holds off challenge from Smith

Reigning champion Russell Peters started the 1996 season as he finished the 1995, beating a hapless Lawrie Smith, in the opening regatta for the Ultra 30s at Southsea yesterday, writes Stuart Alexander.

It had been neck and neck between the two over the first six races of the three days, but in the seventh with Peters holding a one-point lead. Smith first ran into spectator traffic at the start of the seventh and then, with Peters leading all the way, suffered gear damage to the pin holding on the rudder of his yacht, Frontera, and retired from the final race. Peters went on to score another win and he now carries six points into the second regatta at Dundee at the end of the month-

Peters, in DBS, and Smith are closely matched, neither being lower than second in any race until the last. Even when Peters made an awful start in the first race of the day, he was able to work his way back up to second, passing former world champion Nigel Buckley, 1988 Olympian Roger Yeoman, gold medallist Mike McIntyre and, in a matchrace finale, Eddie Warden Owen.

American football

Athletics

Wang Jurida, China's double world record holder, ran the year's fastest women's 5,000 metres at the Chinese Olympic track and field trials yesterday, Jurida, world record holder at 3,000 and 10,000m, led from the start in certaral Narging to win in 14min 54 97eer.

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48, 51, 52, 53, 56, 58. Dividend forecast very word. Claums are invited for 21 and 22 points. Ben Clarite, the England forward, is ex-pected to sign for Richmond today and he could be joined by Wigan rugby league club's Scott Quinnell.

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England's three surviving singles players all suffered third-round defents at the European Chempionship in Bradislava yes

terday. Chasterfield's Marthew Syed, the England men's No 1, was unable to over-come the French No 2, Patrick Chila, who won 21-15, 21-18, 10-21, 21-14. Usa Lomas, the England No 1 from Luton, was crushed 21-9, 21-9, 21-13 in the women's competition by Ni Xia Lian, the Chinese player representing Luxem-bourg. And atthough the English No 2, Andrea Holt from Lancasture, almost

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# Hendry watches Ebdon tempt fate

GUY HODGSON

reports from Sheffield

Ask Stephen Hendry what makes the long, tedious hours on the practice table worthwhile and he will say Steve Davis. He wants to surpass the previous great in snooker, he wants that

more than prize money. That is why this Embassy World Championship has an extra significance for the Scot. Win - and at 14-10 up against Peter Ebdon after the third of four sessions he was within four frames of doing so - and he would equal Davis's record of

Which was not how you could describe bis snooker. This was Hendry with his concentration at its most patchy, and in a session where he could have steamrollered his opponent he allowed him to take an equal share of the eight frames.

Ebdon says he likes it best when the pressure is strongest and Hendry, at The Crucible, would break the iron in any soul. What he is good at, however, is living off scraps.

"He's a tactical player,"

Ebdon's semi-final opponent, Ronnie O'Sullivan, said. "He's got a good bead on him. He knows you don't necessarily

win, it's the result that matters."

When be did get a chance. Ebdon could not score heavily enough, largely because the adrenalin flow through his veins led him to hit the cue ball a fraction too hard. Frequently be was out of position and he had to endure rather than prosper. It was an exercise in making things dif-

ficult for Headry. The opening frames yesterday were punctuated with errors, Hendry taking the first with a 61, Ebdon the second with 53. There are only so many chances the champion will miss, however, and when Ebdon made mis-

takes in the next two frames, Hendry swooped, opening a 13-7 lead at the session interval. At this point Ebdon could have been buried; instead he clawed his way back into the match. It was slow, but it was effective.

While it would be difficult to argue with the introduction of Hendry as "the greatest player this game has ever produced", there must have been a few raised eyebrows as the master of ceremonies described Ebdon as "flamboyant and stylish". Exciting he may be when he fi-

nally hits the ball, but there are he won the 13th frame - a rautong spells of thought in be-

terday, he had occupied the table for 58 per cent of the time. In these championships, he has driven spectators to distraction by his repeated calls to have the white ball wiped, while he seems incapable of potting three balls without stopping to

sip a glass of water. His mannerisms irk players and may have proved costly in this match. In retrospect, Ebdon probably felt he missed his chance on the first day of the final. Ahead 3-1 and 4-2, he let things slip in the evening when his extravagant display of excitement after

final? The effect of the shouting figure hrandishing a cue proved to be just the thing to rid Hendry of his sluggishness and he rattled off three frames in 30 minutes. More pertinently, he did not al-

- had the effect of geeing up Hendry, rather than himself.

a release of tension and not in-

tended to slur opponents, but

he perhaps should have told

Hendry because a malevolence

brewed in the champion to an

He frowns on such displays at

the best of times, but in a world

overwhelming degree.

Ebdon says his outbursts are

low Ebdou a single point.
Which all added fuel to the fire of conjecture that says the two finalists are not the best of

nament in Dubai full years ago, when Ehdon said that Hendry, his first-round opponent, would need golf clubs to kill time while waiting for an early flight home.

However much Hendry has played it down since, a rivalry has existed and at one point it apexisted and at one point if ap-peared to affect his performance on the tuble. At 3-3, Ebdon was one of the few people to have a head-to-head count that was not hopelessly to his disadvan-tage, but in their last four meet-ings. Hendry has prevailed, including the final of the UK. Championship last December.

Yesterday, there was little to suggest Ebdon would alter the figures in his favour.

# Manchester disunited on day after

Dave Hadfield tests the temperature in a city that has just experienced the extremes of footballing fortunes

In the Trafford Hotel, 400 yards supporters obeyed the herding from the money-making machinc that is Manchester United's home ground, they were making great play of the fact that Wembley can be made to rhyme with Endsleigh or even, at a pinch. Grimsby, It was perhaps as well that

United's preparations for the FA Cup final (they trained yes-terday) stopped them parading the Premiership tripply through the streets of Manchester. There is such a thing as rubbing salt into wounds and in a city always divided by football, but never polarised to this extent,

the wounds are deep.

Coming away from Maine Road on Sunday, after the draw with Liverpool that consigned Mancbester City to the First Division a father accompanied

"How's he taken it?" a City fan with a face which fold of years of suffering, asked the dad. reply. "He doesn't really understand what's happened." "He will," says Long-Suffer-

ing. "He will." day, despite the lack of any setpiece event upon which to focus

the joy and envy.
At Old Trafford, where there

instinct, it was business as usu-

al. Which meant booming.
At the United Megastore, one of the army of blazered functionaries who keep the wheels of Man Utd Inc turning, surveyed the crowds. "I thought I'd come and see how business was going, in between taking thy tour parties round. It's phenomenal. Not as busy as match days, of course, but pbenomenal. For £1.99 punters with accents

flown in from Dublin and Scandinavia could buy a poster of Eric Cantona hoisting the Premiership Trophy, rapidly printed from sbots taken at the Riverside Stadium the previous night. Equally quickly produced, but less official, were the Triple Crown T-Shirts on sale from stalls on Sir Matt Busby Way. Cars cruised past the ground,

Cantona tricolors flying from their windows. Even the statue of Sir Matt which now surveys around its right shin, like a plas-But didn't the fans feel a lit-

tle short-changed not to be The contrast in fortunes was able to see their heroes and the there for anyone to see yester- prize the day after it was won? "Nah," said one. "We've got to get the Cup now and parade the two together."

Or. is they sang in the Trafford

had been a handful of arrests Hotel: "We're all going to Wemthe night before as thousands of heley. City's going to Grimsby."



Three and a half miles away at Maine Road, it seemed that everyone had gone to Grimsby

Peering in through the door, I could see a woman having a cup of tea and a fag. She made a sig-nal, as if to say, "That's all there is. There isn't any more". I think sbe just meant that the bar was closed, but it may bave had a wider application.

plain (9) Engrave some fetching charac-

ters (4) Sum taken by Scottish tourist

attraction produces cheer (7) Possibly outer limit for soldiers'

exercise? (5-5)
Machine turning thin piece of wood needs a bit of extension

Scotsman drinks hard drink (6)

Legislation over game and sec-ond animal 16)

The shutters on the souvenir shop - the size of two terraced houses and only recently prised back from private ownership -

were firmly down. Business car drove across the cracked tar- City supporters will be able to rebere was most definitely not booming. On the forecourt of the ground there were just The Mancbester City Social three small girls on bikes and a three small girls on bikes and three smal

looking for something to film.
The best be could manage was me reading the Manchester
Evening News, which bore the beadline "Triumph and Tears". Then, as a final indignity, a business. (Only the most senior many who live a bus rice from

mac, with the occupants sbouting "Red Armyl Red Armyl"
City have been here before.

They were relegated in 1983, the vear that their neighbours beat City now make a vi Brighton in the Cup final, but United were not the dominating presence that they are now. The Manchester's satellite towns.

call the time when the roles were reversed. At the end of the 1937 season City were champions

Old Trafford United is the dirtiest of dirty words. At Bolton this season, for in-

stance, the following was sung to the tune of "When the Saints

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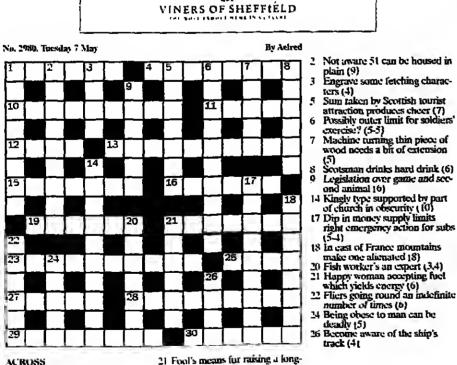
We're staying up with the City And the Reds are going down.

They are resilient at City. "I can't see us losing a match next season," said Long-Suffering.

"And if Blackpool come up we'll have a lot of trips to the seaside if And there was sympathy - or a sort - at Old Trafford. "I'm not happy about City going down," said one lad, laden with carrier-bags. "Well, it's six points, isn't it?"

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# THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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23 Lads not skating who can take messages (6-4)
25 Women will take an hour to

dent (6)

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10 Battle helmet [9]

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12 Jack will not be initially seen in part of church 14]

messages (6-4)

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# Lloyd wants home tie

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS

In keeping with the passing of the Empire, gunboat diplo-macy, the stiff upper lip, flan-nels and the spirit of playing a game for its own sake, the Lawn Tennis Association may offer to huy home advantage from Ghana for Britain's second-round Davis Cup tie the veekend after Wimbledon.

The price could be around £25,000, and VTP treatment at the All-England Club championships may be part of the package. Such a move would seem to risk further ridicule from the rest of the world, who never cease to be amazed at how millions of pounds of Wimhledon profits have failed to nurture national winners.

David Lloyd, the Davis Cup captain, appears not to care. His

Slovenia by climbing out of the Euro/African Zone Group Two.

"I'll do everything but cheating," Lloyd said, confirming that he would request that the LTA makes representations for the tie to be switched from Accra, A win would give Britain a promotion play-off at home, probably against Egypt. "I don't think that's bad

that's bad management, I think that's good management," Lloyd said. "My job is to make sure we go up this year, and I really believe we've got a great chance next year [of promotion to the World Group]. You only

Lloyd's chief concern about playing in Ghana centres on the they can win it's better to get health of his players. "The big something in your pocket."

priority is to capitalise on the first-round victory against players don't get ill. Half the Slovenia by climbing out of the time you get ill in these places because you think you're going

Lloyd rejects any suggestion that he might be running scared. "I'm not frightened of playing them away, because we're going to beat them anyway. Our players are too good to be in the division they're in. We've got to sportsmanship, I don't think get out. It's actually worth fortunes to this country to be back

in that top group."

And how would Lloyd react to such a request if he were Ghana's captain? "I don't know what their bank balance is like. to the World Group. You only used to have some home matches. If we can do that, it would be terrific.

If their bank balance is not too good, then I'd think, Yeah, this is a good opportunity. Their job is to put money back into their tennis, and if they don't think

# **Patel torments Lancashire**

DAVID LLEWELLYN Kent 320 and 66-3 dec Lancashire 47-1 dec and 275 Kent win by 64 runs

Kent have been putting much of last season behind them with a clutch of successes in the Benson and Hedges Cup. Now, thanks to an attack short of Dean Headley and Alan Igglesden and a hatful of obligingly rash shots from the Lancashire batsmen, they have made the perfect start to their County

Championship campaign.
No little credit must go to Min Patel. It can only be a matter of time before he is school of thought which percricket. But it takes two, and anyway Patel is generally oblig-ed to put his county before his

wickets at the modest cost of 18 or so runs. His 5 for 65 from 28.2 overs only served to emphasise his predilection for being the thorn in Lancashire's side. More importantly for him, one of his wickets was that of the England captain Mike Atherton.

A target of 340 in a minimum of 96 overs had looked remarkably generous, but Kent were given serious consideration by determined to blot out their bot-England. Having gone with the A team to India a year ago, the slow left-arm bowler has since set to cruise to victory at 190 for to dismiss Neil Fairbrother, ceives a propensity on Patel's who had put on 140 with Atherpart for howling over the ton, and Nick Speak in a couple wicket, thus producing negative of overs.

Patel bad been wheeling away at one end then the other chipping away at the batsmen's figures.

Yesterday, whether bowling over the wicket or around it, he contributed to a fascinating day's play against his favourite whipping boys. In his last three whipping boys. In his last three over, after the interval, tan anchin went for a big hit and holed out at cover.

Then it was Atherton's turn. He bad reached 50 in 87 balls and was out some two and a half hours later, having required a further 140 deliveries for his next 48 runs. It was a measure of the caution Patel had induced. As long as Atherton was

there, a Lancashire win was on. Atherton departed to something resembling a swish over mid-wicket, which saw him lose his middle stump to Patel. His been overlooked. There is a 2 when Martin McCague struck fall marked the end for Lancashire, but possibly a beginning for Patel and a great start for

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